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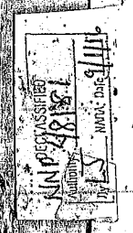

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: AmEmb Vientiane

INFO: CINCPAC

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Personal for Ambassador Sullivan from General Westmoreland

Subject: Sky Spot

Reference: AmEmb Vientiane DTG 1911172

1. (U) Regret the delay in replying to your message, but transmission difficulties prevented its arrival until 27 May.

2. (S) It is considered that your proposal in Ref Msg to utilize photography vice bombs for documentary evidence of the accuracy of MSQ-77, Ground Director Bombing System, would be unconvincing to your audience. Aerial photography alone would provide nothing more than another picture of the target area and possibly not even that, considering that the ballistics of the weapon require the aircraft to be short of the target at the time of bomb release. Further, it would provide no proof of the systems radar and control capabilities to guide the

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aircraft to the target.

3. (S) If additional proof is needed that MSQ-77 works, a system long used by SAC to develop and achieve their bombing capability, I suggest that two validated RLAF targets of your choosing, one within 40-50 NM and the other approximately 90NM from the Nakhon Phanom site, be made available to us for actual strikes under adverse weather conditions. Pre-strike and post-strike photography will be provided to analyze the accuracy of the deliveries. If this proposal is not acceptable, possibly a ground viewed demonstration for your clients against a simulated target with broadcast pickup of radio guidance transmissions would be satisfactory.

4. (U) Request your comments concerning ~~this matter~~ the suggestions.

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DTG 040143Z June 66

FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: Amemb Vientiane

INFO: Cmdr 7th AF

Dep Cmdr 7/13 AF Udorn

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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

SUBJECT: Sky Spot (U)

Ref: A. Amemb Vientiane DTG 310425Z May 66 (S-NOFORN)

1. (S) We concur whole heartedly with the MSQ test arrangements referred to in reference message, provided they meet your requirements and will expedite our obtaining approval to use this weapon system against targets in Laos.

2 (S) Appreciate your comments soonest after completion of the tests.

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

SKY SPOT

REFS: MACV 18445 DTG 291150Z GWQQTPZ

ACCORDING TO GENERAL BOND, ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY IN TRAIN FOR TRIAL RUN OF MSQ-77 SYSTEM ON ACTUAL TARGETS IN SVN OR NVN EMPLOYING PRE AND POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY. I HAVE ALREADY CONCURRED IN THIS PROCEDURE AND UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME OBJECTION, SUGGEST WE LET THESE ARRANGEMENTS GO FORWARD RATHER THAN TAKE UP NEW PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTEL.

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JOINT EMBASSY/AIRA MESSAGE

ARC LIGHT

REF: A. CINCPAC DTG 2819482 JUNE
B. EMBTEL 817 (1344 TO SECSTATE)

1. WE FIND ARC LIGHT PROPOSALS ZINC OXIDE ONE, TWO, AND THREE CONFRONT US WITH SAME POLITICAL PROBLEM WE HAD IN CASE OF LAST SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR WHICH WE UNABLE GIVE OUR CONCURRENCE (REF B). SPECIFICALLY, PROPOSED TARGETS

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LOCATED WITHIN HEARING DISTANCE OF FRIENDLY POPULATION CENTER OF ATTOPEU AND ARE ASTRIDE SIHANOUK TRAIL WHICH UNDER RECCE BY RLAF. HENCE, EXECUTION OF THESE STRIKES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE PROBLEM OF ENTAGILITY B-52 OPERATIONS IN LAOS. WE ALSO HAVE AT LEAST ONE AND EXPECT TO HAVE ADDITIONAL ROAD WATCH AND SPECIAL TEAMS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITH.

2. THEREFORE WE CANNOT RPT CANNOT GIVE OUR CONCURRENCE TO THESE STRIKES UNDER PRESENT GROUND RULES.

3. IF MILITARY JUDGEMENT INDICATES THESE TARGETS CAN SUCCESSFULLY BE ATTACKED BY OTHER MEANS, WE ARE PREPARED CONSIDER THEM FOR VALIDATION AS RLAF TARGETS. IF SO, WE SUGGEST THAT USUAL PROCEDURES BE FOLLOWED FOR NOMINATION AS VALID RLAF TARGTS.

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REF: A. COMUSMACV 16297 DTG 120655Z
B. SEVENTH AF DTG 120145Z

PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

1. FROM WHAT I HAVE READ IN TWO MESSAGES NOTED ABOVE I LOOK SYMPATHETICALLY ON PROPOSED USE OF GROUND DIRECTOR BOMBING SYSTEM FOR PRIORITY TARGETS IN LAOS.

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2. HOWEVER, AS I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS CONCERNING

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OPERATION SYSTEM HERE, INCLUDING EXACT COVERAGE WE CAN EXPECT

FROM IT, I WOULD LIKE HAVE AIR ATTACHE AND OTHERS ON MY STAFF RECEIVE DETAILED BRIEFING FROM APPROPRIATE OFFICERS AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME IN BONN BEFORE GIVING MATTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: CG, USARV
CG, 7th AF
CO, 20th ASTA DET

SECRET 15136 FROM MACJ2. 7th AF Keep for action pass for info to DIRECTOR TACC, for TIGER HOUND

SUBJECT: Visual Reconnaissance in Tiger Hound Area (OV-1)(U)

Ref: MACV Msg 07106OZ Apr 66

(S) OV-1B daylight VR/photo missions by the 20th ASTA Detachment in support of TIGER HOUND will resume immediately.

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FRANK C. SCOFIELD, JR
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S E C R E T/DOCO-ER-66-S-06857 APR 66.
SUBJ: (C) YANKEE TEAM NIGHT REQUIREMENTS.
REF A: COMUSMACV 141125Z APR 66.
REF B: COMUSMACV 151220Z MAR 66.
REF C: COMUSMACV 040940Z MAR 66.
REF D: CINCPAC 092322Z APR 66.
1. REF A IS YOUR MESSAGE REQUESTING ESTIMATE OF OUR CAPABILITY TO FULFILL NIGHT REQUIREMENTS IN LAOS. REF B AND C ESTABLISH YANKEE TEAM REQUIREMENTS FOR APRIL. REF D IS CINCPAC YANKEE TEAM REQUIREMENTS FOR MAY WHICH DEFINED NIGHT COVERAGE AS NIGHT VISUAL, IR OR SLAR

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COVERAGE. WITH NIGHT PHOTO COVERAGE OF SELECTED SEGMENTS OF ROUTES AND PINPOINTS. 7AF DOES NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO MEET MAY REQUIREMENTS ABOVE 1830N AND STILL MEET HIGHER PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS.

2. 460TRW RF-4C AIRCRAFT DAMAGED BY MORTAR REDUCED AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT FROM 18 TO 16. TWO REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MAY. PRIOR TO THE DAMAGE, 7 AF WAS SCHEDULING 6 RF-4C AND 2 RB-66 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF LAOS REQUIREMENTS. THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 4 RF-4C AND 1 RB-66 SORTIES PER DAY. RB-66 AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO ZI ON 28 APRIL FURTHER REDUCING NIGHT PHOTO RESOURCES.

3. WHEN 460TRW IS BACK TO FULL STRENGTH, RF-4C ALLOCATION TO YANKEE TEAM WILL BE 6 SORTIES PER DAY OR 180 SORTIES PER MONTH. AT PRESENT, MOST OF LAOS NIGHT EFFORT (150-180 SORTIES PER MONTH) IS PROGRAMMED INTO SOUTHERN LAOS BELOW 1830N LATITUDE. SORTIES ABOVE THAT POINT REQUIRE ONE OR TWO AIR-TO-AIR REFUELINGS DEPENDING ON TARGET LOCATION AND, BECAUSE OF CRITICAL TANKER RESOURCES, ARE SCHEDULED ONLY ON SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.

4. WE ESTIMATE MAY YANKEE TEAM SURVEILLANCE IN NORTH LAOS WILL REQUIRE 67 SUCCESSFUL SORTIES. THESE SORTIES MAY BE PROVIDED FROM SOUTHERN LAOS OPERATIONS; HOWEVER, THIS REDUCTION WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE NIGHT INTERDICTION COVERAGE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THAT AREA. ALSO, THE INCREASE

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IN HOURS PER SORTIE TO COVER NORTH LAOS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE NUMBER OF SORTIES MAINTENANCE IS ABLE TO SUPPORT. ADDITIONAL NIGHT SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT ARE PROPOSED DURING JULY 1966 FOR BED DOWN AT UDORN. THESE FORCES WILL BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THE REQUIRED NIGHT SURVEILLANCE OF NORTH LAOS.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, REQUEST YOU DELETE NIGHT SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE 1890N WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RTE 7 NEAR BARTHELEMY PASS, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ADDITIONAL RF-4C AIRCRAFT ARE IN PLACE AT UDORN.

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TO: Comdr, 7 AF

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Secret Limdis 14320 From: MACCOC2

Subject: Steel Tiger/Tiger Hound Flight Coordination (U)

Ref: A. CTG 77.7 250328Z (NOTAL)

B. CINCPAC 250905Z

1. (S) Ref A reported a flight of B-52 aircraft bombed through a FAC controlled TAC Air Formation bombing the same target.

2. (S) Ref B requested a summary of coordinating procedures for tactical strikes in Steel Tiger/Tiger Hound areas

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when Arc Light strikes are also scheduled in the same area.

3. (S) Take Ref B, Para Two, FORAC with reply to CINCPAC (Action) and MACV (Info) addees of this message (Info). In addition, include specific information on prior coordination effected for the reported incident as outlined in Ref B, Para One.

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: CINCPAC

SECRET NOFORN 14058 MACV J21 FOR J2

SUBJ: NVN Infiltration Through Laos and Cambodia

REF: A. DIAAQ 6425/182040Z Mar 66 (S/NF/LD)

B. CINCPAC 080112Z Apr 66 (S/NF/LD)

C. COMUSMACV 171250Z Apr 66 (TS/LD)

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1. (U) Ref B requested info for reply to Ref A.

2. (C) Ref C stated COMUSMACV intelligence collection activities against Cambodia.

3. (S) Intelligence collection operations against Laos are basically the same as those stated for Cambodia, Ref C, para 1a thru 1f. In addition, SOG conducts Shining Brass operations and MACV receives the intelligence product from Tiger Hound. ARDF coverage is also obtained in conjunction with Tiger Hound.

4. MACV J2 is in process of expanding and updating Laos and Cambodia collection programs. Updated Cambodian Program will be published on or before 26 April. The updated Laos Program will be

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TO: AIG 7041

INFO: Amemb, Vientiane

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Subj: Use of Arc Light Force (U)

Ref: A. COMUSMACV 13680 DTG 200725 Z [redacted]

B. SECSTATE 262110Z Mar (NOTAL)

C. COMUSMACV 10053 DTG 300900Z Mar

1. (S) Ref A requested approval of Quang Tri Twenty-Seven and Twenty-Eight (Rat Mat Five and Six), first STRIKE [redacted] TOT 220120Z rpt 220120Z. Both targets are located in Quang Tri Province.

2. (S) MACV proposes to schedule Quang Nam Eighteen (Bow Sprit Two), which is located in Laos, with a TOT Twenty-Five minutes after the first strike TOT in Para One above. The strikes announced to the press will only be Rat Mat Five and Six. In response to press queries on a strike in Laos, instructions in Ref B, Para Two, will apply.

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3. (S) In view of Para One and Two above, request the following timing apply for the strike listed below: (REF C CONTAINS TACFIRS)

	TARGET	ACFT	TOT
a.	QUANG NAM EIGHTEEN (Bow Sprit Two)	Nine (9)	220145Z Apr rpt 220145Z Apr

(1) This message constitutes confirmation. Do not release any bombs after 220210Z rpt 220210Z.

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R 140200Z ZFF2

FM ADMINO CINCPAC

INFO COMUSMACV

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN WESTMORELAND.

QUOTE

P 120230Z

~~SECRET~~ FM CINCPAC

TO RUMJFS/AMB VIETIANE

INFO RUMLKM/CINCPACAF

RUMDAJ/DEPCHUSMAG THAILAND

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

FOR AMB SULLIVAN FROM ADM SHARP

FIRE BOMBS FOR LAOS (S)

A. DEPCHUSMAG THAILAND DCHL 3193/08074Z

1. REF A REQUESTED INITIAL QUANTITY

1,020 FIRE BOMBS WITHIN-PLACE DATE OF 9 MAY, WITH FOLLOW-ON RESUPPLY OF 1,020 BOMBS/MONTH.

2. TO MEET TH REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE, A DRAW DOWN FROM NEARBY USAF STOCKS IS BEING ARRANGED. THESE WILL NOT BE TH PRE-FILLED 500 LB NAPALM B BOMBS THAT HVE BEEN REQUESTED. THE STANDARD FIRE

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PAGE 2 RUHKA 1379 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

BOMB IS BEING USED BY USAF FORCES IN PACOM AND REQUIRES NAPALM TO BE MIXED IN THE FIELD. THIS FUNCTION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN-COUNTRY WITH PROPER EQUIPMENT AND MINIMUM TRAINING. IF THIS NOT DESIRED, WE COULD ASSIST BY MIXING NAPALM AND FILL BOMBS OR CONTAINERS AT UDORN FOR TRANSPORT TO LAOS AIR BASES. EITHER OF THESE PROCEDURES WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, THE OPTIMUM OPERATION WOULD BE THE LOADING OF FIRE BOMBS OR OTHER MUNITIONS ON T-28S AT UDORN FOR STRIKE MISSIONS ON LAOS TARGETS, PARTICULARLY SINCE FIRE BOMBS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR USE IN THE SAVANNAKHET AREA. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS.

3. WE WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THE PRE-FILLED BOMB FOR YOUR RESUPPLY REQUIREMENTS. A STEP-UP IN PRODUCTION OF THESE BOMBS IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR THIS MONTH THE PROBLEMS OF ALLOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION ARE THE LIMITING FACTORS.

4. CSAF HS BEEN REQUESTED TO BE PREPARED TO MEET TR 9 MAY DELIVERY DATE OF INITIAL QUANTITIES REQUESTED BY DEPCHUSMAG THILAND. GP-3.

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V B (3) Air LAOS

DTG 141125Z APR 66

FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: Cmdr 7th AF

INFO: CINCPAC

USAIRA Vientiane

CINCPACAF

Secret 12928

From: MACCOC2

Subj: Yankee Team (U)

Ref: A. COMUSMACV 151220Z Mar

B. COMUSMACV 040940Z Mar

C. CINCPAC 092322Z Apr

1. (S) Refs A and B establish Yankee Team requirements for April. Ref C is CINCPAC Yankee Team requirements for May.

2. (S) It is recognized that the night requirements as established by Refs A and B require a very large number of night photo sorties due to the relatively short photo line miles capability per sortie with the assets utilized. Ref C has defined "night" coverage to be night visual, IR, or SLAR coverage with night photo coverage of selected segments of

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routes or pin-point targets.

3. (S) In view of the damage sustained by recce aircraft during the recent mortar attack on TSN, request an estimate of the overall capability to fulfill night requirements for April with existing assets. April night requirements are hereby modified IAW definition contained para 6 Ref C.

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S E C R E T NOFORN
TIGER HOUND OPERATION

1. THE CONTINUED INCREASE OF NVA UNITS INFILTRATING INTO OR THROUGH THE DMZ IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THIS HQ. IN AN EFFORT TO APPRAISE THE SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THIS INFILTRATION AND TO PLAN A COUNTER THIS BUILDUP IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE PROVIDED ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

A. AN AIR SUMMARY OF TIGER HOUND OPNS TO INCLUDE NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN AND COMPLETE BDA.

B. A SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS IN THE TIGER HOUND AREA.

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TO: CINCPAC

INFO: JCS
CINCPACAF
CINCPACFLT
COMSEVENTHFLT
Cmdr, 7AF
Amemb Vientiane
Amemb Bangkok
Amemb Saigon

Secret 12211

FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: Tiger Hound Operations for March 1966.

1. Following is recap of sorties flown.

SORTIES	MARCH	ACCUMULATIVE
Navy, Marine, USAF strike sorties	4147	11,516
ABCCC	29	116
O-1, VR and FAC	854	1,797
OV-1, VR, Slar and IR	205	361
AC-47, FAC, flare and strike	108	355
A1E, FAC, VR and strike	291	600
C-130, flare	57	119

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2. Strike results:	MARCH	ACCUMULATIVE
Structures destroyed	960	1,880
Structures damaged	309	586
Bridges destroyed/damaged	19/21	93/114
Landslides covering roads	41	116
Secondary explosions	449	731
Road segments cut/cratered/ seeded	423	1,063
Vehicles destroyed/damaged	217/125	361/188
AAA/AW sites destroyed/ damaged	93/10	141/48

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3. Intelligence summary:

a. During this month 317 attacks were made on RLAF targets. Forty-five of these were on targets not previously struck. Thirty-seven new validated RLAF targets were received from Vientiane. 242 targets of opportunity were struck. These included NVN concentrations, vehicles, truck parks, storage areas, structures and road choke points.

b. The primary effort in the Tiger Hound area was concentrated on vehicular traffic and military/supply targets. Interdiction strikes continued on Route 9 and 92 to make it difficult for the enemy to utilize these primary routes.

c. Two highlights of vehicle destruction occurred during the month:

(1) On 1-2 March FAC's detected vehicular tracks leading off route 9 to an area bordering the road. After an

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hour of visual recce the FAC was able to detect apparent camouflaged objects. The first flight diverted to the target dropped 250 and 500 lb bombs which cleared away areas of dense foliage and revealed several trucks. Additional strike aircraft were diverted to the area during the two day period and a total of 51 trucks were destroyed and 23 trucks were damaged with 26 secondary explosions occurring.

(2) On 23 March about 1600 hours, a FAC noted vehicle tracks leading into areas XD 593 263 and XD 574245. He called the ABCCC for validation of targets which was given by RLAF representatives aboard. 16 sorties were placed on these areas from that time until darkness which resulted in 6 trucks destroyed, 1 truck damaged, and six secondary explosions. The ABCCC reported that secondary explosions were still continuing as they departed station. The ABCCC passed target information to C-130 aircraft (night force) [redacted]. Night strikes resulted in 11 more trucks being destroyed and 70 plus secondary explosions. FAC surveillance of area on morning of 24 March disclosed 17 trucks destroyed and additional unharmed trucks and supplies. Flights were again diverted into this area which resulted in 21 trucks destroyed, 20 trucks damaged, and numerous secondary explosions. Some of the trucks TRANSPORTED [redacted] POL, as in one instance fuel barrels blew up. Explosions indicated MAJORITY OF [redacted] trucks TRANSPORTED [redacted] ammo. Results of total operation was 38 trucks destroyed, 21

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trucks damaged and well over 200 secondary explosions.

d. OV-1B (SLAR) aircraft were used during night operations along route 9 and 92. Contacts have been made consistently and passed to the FAC/flareship accompanied by strike aircraft. Confidence gained in this system has begun to pay dividends in team results.

e. Efforts are continuing to explore all areas to determine flow of traffic and location of supply areas. Visual and photo recce are being conducted each day to give a complete and accurate intelligence report. Weather continues to be a problem in some areas which has caused cancellation of recce and strike missions.

4. Status of Assets and Personnel:

a. An OIE was lost on 15 March. THIS was the first one lost to enemy action [redacted] since Tiger Hound Operations started. The pilot was not recovered and is listed as missing in action. An OV-1 was lost in the same area and two strike aircraft received extensive damage. The OV-1 crew is [redacted] listed as missing in action.

b. Twenty OIE aircraft are assigned. One remains out of commission for major repair of battle damage. The 20th ASTA at Hue-Phu Bai now has six OV-1A's, two OV-1B's and two OV-1C's. The two OV-1C's are presently out of commission for repair of battle damage.

c. Facilities at Khe Sanh and Kham Duc have been

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sufficiently improved to accommodate the 3 OlE's, and the required support personnel and aircrews at each location. This provides an increased visual recce capability without an increase in assets because of proximity of these strips to the operating area. Other OlE aircraft are located at Dong Ha, Danang, and Kontum, with one normally staging through Dak To for support of Snining Brass.

d. The ARVN FAC/Liaison Team arrived on location with BV-33 on route nine on 5 March. Contact has been made with the ABCCC on several occasions and requests for strikes received on two days. Aerial BDA of these strikes was not significant; however, ground sources reported strikes had been of considerable aid to their operations. Two road watch teams are now on location on Route 92 and contacts with them were made by the ABCCC on 28 and 29 March with no information being passed. Attempts for contact since then have been unsuccessful.

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: Cmdr, 7th AF

INFO: CINCPAC
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From: MACCOC2

Subj: Tiger Hound Status Report (U)

Ref: A. CINCPAC 022314Z

B. COMUSMACV 10872 DTG 060050Z

1. (S) COMUSMACV directed a monthly status report be prepared to reflect accomplishments of project Tiger Hound. This report has provided, on a continuing basis, detailed information [redacted].

2. (S) Ref A established a bi-weekly Status and Analysis Report which includes Steel Tiger activities. Commencing 1 April, the monthly Tiger Hound report requirement is rescinded. Include the previously reported Tiger Hound information in each Status and Analysis Report. Responsibility for preparation of this latter report will be assigned by separate message now under preparation. Ref B pertains. Gp-3

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RETAINS SYSTEM TEST (U)

A. COMUSMACV 11997, 062030Z (PASEP)

B. CINCPAC SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP WORKING PAPER NO. 7-66, 25 JAN 66 (NOTAL)

C. CINCPAC SAG WP 10-66, 10 MAR 66 (NOTAL)

D. CINCPAC 020130Z (PASEP)

1. REF A CONTAINS CJMUS MACV REQUEST THAT REAL TIME METHODS FOR DETECTION OF TRUCK TARGETS BE DEVELOPED SO THAT THEY CAN BE HIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DETECTION, AND REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO

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AVAILABILITY BETTER EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE, REF B IS CINCPAC SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP PAPER OUTLINING SIMILAR REQUIREMENT. REF C DESCRIBES A SYSTEM DESIGNED BY CINCPAC SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP TO SATISFY REQUIREMENT. REFS B AND C FORWARDED TO MACV J34 BY CINCPAC LETTER 5340, SER 00484, 25 MAR 66.

2. PER DISCUSSIONS RECENT VISIT OF MR. LINSENMEYER, CINCPAC SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR, WITH COL PARKER, MACV J34; COL GROOMS, HQ 7AF; COL DUFFY, OSD DDR&E REP AT MACV JRATA AND DR. HOLBROOK, RDFU-T, FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED RELATIVE TO PROPOSED TRUCK DETECTOR SYSTEMS TESTS.

3. BASIC OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL FORCES WITH A DEVICE CAPABLE OF DETECTING AND REPORTING DIRECTLY TO AIRCRAFT, INTELLIGENCE ON TRUCK MOVEMENTS UNDER COVER OF FOLIAGE OR POOR VISIBILITY CONDITIONS.

4. SYSTEMS WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY CINCPAC GROUP AND WHICH WILL BE EVALUATED ARE:

A. CINCPAC DESIGNED RETAINS SYSTEMS WITH MAGNETIC SENSORS.

B. SANDIA CORP DEVELOPED SYSTEM WITH SEISMIC DETECTOR.

C. CAS DEVELOPED WARNING SYSTEM WITH PNEUMATIC ACTIVATOR.

D. ADDITIONALLY, PROPOSE TO EVALUATE SRI SEISMIC DETECTOR

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BEING DEVELOPED IN MRDC.

5. RADIO TRANSMITTERS TO ACCOMPANY GROUP INCLUDE:

A. 3 - AN/PRC-41 TRANSCEIVERS, UHF/AM, 3-5 WATTS, 24 VOLTS.

B. 3 - AN/PRC-47 TRANSCEIVERS, HF/SSB, CARIABLE POWER, 24 VOLTS.

C. SONO-BUOY TRANSMITTERS, SINGLE CRYSTAL, VHF, 3/4 WATT, 15 VOLTS.

D. SPECIFICATIONS ON SANDIA AND CAS TRANSMITTERS NOT READILY AVAILABLE.

E. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST RDFU-T ALSO HAVE THREE AN/PRC-25 MANPACK TRANSCEIVERS AVAILABLE FOR PERIOD OF THAILAND TESTS.

F. LIMITED TEST GEAR AND SPARE PARTS WILL ACCOMPANY. 3d 14

6. PER 7AF REQUEST, JOHN E. ROPER, GS-13, CINCPAC SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP (TOP SECRET CLEARED); CPL M. J. WHITE, USMC, 1ST ANGLICO, RADIO TECHNICIAN (SECRET CLEARANCE); AND H. H. PATTERSON, STRATEGIC SYSTEMS MANAGER, SANDIA CORP (TOP SECRET CLEARANCE), WILL VISIT MACV J34 BRANCH AND HQ 7TH AIR FORCE TO DEMONSTRATE CINCPAC RETAINS SYSTEM. ETA SAIGON 10 APRIL 1215 ON CONTINENTAL CHARTER H-241. PLAN TO REMAIN SAIGON UP TO FIVE DAYS. WILL BE PREPARED TO LEAVE ONE OR TWO COMPLETE RETAINS SYSTEMS AT 7TH AF HEADQUARTERS FOR FURTHER TESTING

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OR OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AS DEEMED ADVISABLE. REQUEST BILLETING AND TRANSPORTATION BE ARRANGED. WILL REQUIRE PICKUP TYPE TRUCK AND CLASSIFIED STORAGE FACILITY FOR ACCOMPANYING GEAR. SUGGEST MACV/TAF SELECT SECURE DEMONSTRATION/EST SITE.

A. GROUP WILL PROCEED TO BANGKOK AND BE JOINED BY JOHN PORTLOCK, ELECTIRCAL ENGINEER, SANDIA CORP, ALL TOP SECRET CLEARED. ENTIRE GROUP PLANS TO ASSEMBLE BANGKOK ON OR ABOUT 15 APRIL. ETA'S WILL BE PROVIDED ASAP.

B. FINAL EVALUATION PLANS DETAILS WILL BE ARRANGED UPON ARRIVAL. TENTATIVELY PLAN TO TEST SENSOR AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM COMPONENTS SEPARATELY. THEN TO TEST COMPLETE SYSTEMMS IN AS NEAR OPTIMUM CONFIGURATION AS POSSIBLE.

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SUBJECT: Camouflage Detection

1. (S) Following message from AFSC Liaison Officer to ASD quoted for info. ASD for ASJ: AFSC for SCS-6, ESD for ESCL. Subject: Detection of Camouflaged Vehicles. This msg in three parts. Part I. Recent successful air strikes of infiltration routes resulted in accidental uncovering of camouflaged trucks in large numbers, parked approximately 100 meters apart along routes. Trucks were covered with cut branches and foliage to camouflage during daylight hours and were extremely difficult to see. Forward Air Controller did not detect target until he

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Lt Col, Inf
Chief PI&O

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approached at very low altitude. Subsequent air strikes uncovered additional truck targets. It is also believed that similar camouflage is being used to conceal construction camps and road repair equipment, which is indicated by the fast repairs being made to road and bridge damage. Part 2. At present black and white photography is being used for both day and night operations. Night photography is being conducted in conjunction with M-123 photo flash cartridges. Green sensitive SO5424 IR film for night photography has been requisitioned. Film produces a black and white picture. However, shades of green produce high contrast for camouflage detection. Plans for future use of color film for both day and night are under study to improve camouflage detection capability. Part 3. Request immediate action to determine if any device or principle now exists for daytime detection of camouflage from reconnaissance aircraft. Understand freshly cut foliage may offer difficult problem but it is possible that some camouflage may be reused. Real time or near real time methods are desired for detection of truck targets as they should be hit as soon as possible after detection.

2. (S) The problem of detection of camouflaged vehicles, camps and equipment along infiltration routes into South Vietnam is becoming increasingly serious. Request information at earliest practicable date as to availability of better equipment for this purpose and also request feasibility of development of new systems with greater capability. Real time or near real time

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read out by FAC aircraft or other sensor equipped aircraft is desired to permit immediate strike.

3. (S) This item is of personal interest to General Westmoreland who has requested that this problem be presented to the R&D community as a matter of urgent concern. Early reply and periodic progress reports are requested. GPH

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B) MACV'S 08350 DT 210930Z

IV B(6)

C) USAIRA VIENTIANE CX-0540; DTG 200401Z

1. GENERAL MA HAS UNDERTAKEN PRELIMINARY RECCE OF NEW ROUTE ALONG CAMBODIAN BORDER AND, AS INDICATED REF C, HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN EXPLOITING THIS AREA WITHHASSISTANCE TWO ADDITIONAL O-1 AIRCRAFT ON LOAN TO RLAF AND ON-CALL AC-47'S.

2. IN VIEW RLAF INTEREST AND FACT THAT NEW ROUTE EXTENDS BEYOND

PAGE TWO RUMJFS 394A S E C R E T

STEEL TIGER AREA TO CAMBODIAN BORDER, PREFER HAVE RLAF UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION.

3. APPRECIATE WHATEVER 2ND AIR DIV CAN DO TO EXPEDIATE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED REF C.

4. REQUEST MACV ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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VB(3) LAOS CAMBODIA

S E C R E AIRA 00540 MAR 66.

1. ON 19 MARCH RLAF FLEW 20SORTIES ON ROAD SOUTH OF ATTOPEU. GEN MA REPORTS ROAD VERY WELL DEVELOPED FROM POINT NEAR CAMBODIAN BORDER. HE SAID IT IS OBVIOUS ROAD BEING USED BY MANY TRUCKS. HE AND COL. LY, COMMANDER GM 21 EAGER TO PUT SMALL PATROLS WITH RADIOS IN THE AREA D ACT AS FAC FOR T-28'S. HE HAS DUBBED IT "SIHANOUK ROAD" AND STATES THIS PROVES CAMBODIAN COMPLICITY IN SVN WAR.

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WM HE REQUESTS TWO O-1 A/C BE MADE AVAILABLE ON LOAN FOR

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45 DAYS TO RLAF. HE WILL PROVIDE CREWS. HIS PLAN IS TO RECCE THE AREA IN O-1'S BY DAY MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH GROUND PATROLS. HE FURTHER REQUESTS TWO AC-47'S BE PLACED ON CALL TO PROVIDE SUPPORT DURING NIGHT.

3. AAIRA-S ALSO FLEW THE ROUTE ON 19 MAR AND CONFIRM RLAF REPORT THAT ROAD IS BEING USED BY TRUCKS.

4. BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT RLAF REQUEST FOR USE OF TWO OWAQ AIRCRAFT AND AC-47'S ON CALL. REQUEST YOU COMMENTS SOONEST.

5. GEN MA REQUESTS THIS BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF GEN MOORE.

6. AMB SULLIVAN CONCURS THIS REQUEST.

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S E C R E T AIRA/EMB 00497 MAR 66.

SUBJ: STOL SITE 48

AGREE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF RESTRICTED AREA AROUND STOL SITE 48 DOES NOT SOLVE BASIC PROBLEM.

CONCUR THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR STRIKE UNITS TO BE FURNISHED WITH CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHY OF STOL SITES SO THAT PILOTS MAY HAVE CLEAR IDEA APPEARANCE OF FRIENDLY STOL SITES IN LAOS.

FURTHER CONCUR THAT BR/SL OPERATING RULES SHULD BE AMENDED TO PROHBIT STRIKES ON STOL SITES UNLESS UNDER MAC COMEOL OR THOSE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS RLAF

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: USARV

INFO: CINCPAC
AMEMB VIENTIANE
2D AIR DIV

Secret 08059

From: MACCOC2

SUBJECT: Starlight Scopes

1. (S) COMUSMACV desires that 2D Air Division evaluate the Starlight Scopes during Tiger Hound night operations.

2. (S) Take necessary action to transfer six (6) Starlight Scopes (Individual Weapons Night Vision Sight, Hand Held, No. 10906889951) to 2D Air Division NLT 20 Mar 1966. The Tiger Hound Project Officer for this transaction is Col F.A. Harper, USMC. Telephone 3139.

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: AMEMB VIENTIANE

INFO: CINCPAC

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2D AD

Secret 07764

From: MACCOC2

Subj: Steel Tiger Armed Recce

1. (S) As discussed in the conference at Udorn on 8 March, the restriction requiring Steel Tiger armed recce strikes to be FAC controlled continues to produce a serious deficiency within the overall interdiction program. Sufficient FAC's and FAC type aircraft are not available to provide visual coverage of the entire armed recce area in the density desired. Those strike aircraft which can operate as their own FAC are capable of covering only a small additional portion of the desired area. This undesirable situation is further aggravated by the fact the forward air controllers operate only during daylight hours.

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Consequently, non-use of many night capable assets prevents maximum harassment during the period of greatest vehicular movement.

2. (S) It is fully realized that these missions must be conducted with minimum risk to all friendly personnel and that poor navigational techniques were the cause of the incidents which precipitated the current restrictions. However, this does not alter the fact that these armed recce missions are required. Therefore, to accomplish armed recce without FAC direction and to keep the risk to friendly personnel to an absolute minimum, the following procedures will be followed:

a. Pilots will fly armed recce mission only against primary or alternate routes or areas that have been thoroughly briefed prior to the mission.

b. Prior to commencing an armed recce mission, pilots will proceed to an easily identifiable check point for positive updating of their navigational equipment or for position fixing by radar. If a positive check on their exact position cannot be made, strikes will not be attempted.

3. (S) It is considered that Steel Tiger armed reconnaissance missions without FAC control is a military necessity and should be resumed immediately. Request required actions be accomplished to permit early resumption of these missions without FAC control.

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TO: DIRECTOR
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WASHINGTON D.C.

S E C R E T FROM: COL ROBERT A. DUFFY

FOR DR. JOHN S. FOSTER JR 06601

REF OUR TELECON OF 24 FEB 66 (WASHINGTON). THE DISPOSITION OF ALL ITEMS IS AS FOLLOWS: OUR ITEMS ONE THRU TEN WERE INTENDED AS INFO TO YOU WITH THE EXCEPTION ITEM FIVE. YOUR ITEM ONE INCLUDED QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO MOHAWK IN HUNTER-KILLER ROLE. TWO MOHAWK OV-1B SLR SORTIES ARE FLOWN DAILY BY ARMY CREWS ON TIGER HOUND PROGRAM. SEVERAL MOVING TARGET INDICATIONS ARE CALLED ON EACH SORTIE AS AN AVERAGE. TIGER HOUND MANAGEMENT CLAIMS TWO TRUCKS DESTROYED RESULT THIS TACTIC. BELIEVE MAIN REASON FOR NOT GETTING HIGHER KILL IS INABILITY TO GET ILLUMINATION ON TARGET IMMEDIATELY AND STRIKE AIRCRAFT RESPONSE TIME. THEY CONSIDER THIS INPUT VALUEABLE ADJUNCT TO THEIR CAPABILITY. ONE SORTIE WAS FLOWN BY OV-1C IR EQUIPPED MOHAWK WHICH HAS ITS OWN FLARE CARRYING CAPABILITY. OV-1C BATTLE DAMAGED BY GROUND

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FIRE ON ITS FIRST AND ONLY TIGER HOUND MISSION AND IS NOW BEING REPAIRED. MISSION ALTITUDE WAS TWO THOUSAND FEET. THIS INFO SUPPLEMENTS OUR ITEM ELEVEN. YOUR ITEM TWO HAS BEEN PASSED ON. YOUR ITEM THREE ANSWERED BY OUR ITEM TWENTY SIX AND A SEPARATE MSG WILL BE DISPATCHED BY JRATA. ITEM FOUR WAS ANSWERED IN PART BY OUR TWELVE. AIRFORCE HAS NOT USED MOHAWK AS SUPPLEMENT TO O-1 IN V/R ROLE IN VIETNAM ALTHOUGH IT DOES USE MOHAWK AS WE INFORMED YOU TO SUPPLEMENT O-1s IN LAOTIAN VISUAL RECCE ROLE. AIR FORCE ALSO USED MOHAWK AGAIN FLOWN BY ARMY CREWS IN SNIPE HUNT HUNTER-KILLER ROLE IN NIGHT INTERDICTION OF RIVER TRAFFIC IN VIETNAM. CAN'T SEEM TO PIN DOWN THE ARMAMENT ANSWER OTHER THAN TO SAY PEOPLE WHO FLY THE AIRPLANE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GUN. ITEMS FIVE AND SIX WERE ANSWERED AND ITEM SIX WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY WIRE. ITEMS SEVEN AND EIGHT WERE ANSWERED DURING TELECON. ITEM NINE ANSWER WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY WIRE. ITEM TEN ANSWERED AND SUPPLEMENTED. ITEMS ELEVEN, TWELVE, THIRTEEN ANSWERED. ITEM FOURTEEN WILL BE DISCUSSED IN NEXT TELECON. ITEM FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN ANSWERED IN TELECON. JRATA WILL SEND SEPARATE WIRE ON ITEM SEVENTEEN. ACKNOWLEDGE EIGHTEEN. ITEM NINETEEN ACKNOWLEDGED. ITEM TWENTY WILL BE ANSWERED FURTHER IN JRATA WIRE. ITEM TWENTY ONE ANSWERED DURING TELECON. ITEM TWENTY TWO ACKNOWLEDGED. ITEM TWENTY THREE ACKNOWLEDGED. ITEM TWENTY FOUR ANSWERED DURING TELECON. ITEM TWENTY FIVE ACKNOWLEDGED AND UNDERSTAND 3 MARCH 1200 WASHINGTON TIME FOR NEXT TELECON. BROWN/DUFFY OPS

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S E C R E T NOFORN AIRA 00391 FEB 66.
SUBJECT: US JET STRIKE VIC MUANG PHALANE, LAOS, WD 6141.
REF: A. AIRA (S) 00375 FEB 66, 2316Z (NOTAL)
B. AIRA/EMB (S) 00380 FEB 66, 2400Z (NOTAL).
1. REF A WAS PRELIMINARY REPORT. REF B VERIFIED CASUALTIES RESULTED AND IMPOSED RESTRICTION THAT ARMED ROUTE RECCE IN SL AREA MUST BE FAC DIRECTED.
2. AIRA AND 2AD REPRESENTATIVE FROM UDORN TACC VISITED SCENE OF STRIKE AFTERNOON OF 24 FEB, ACCOMPANIED BY COL IMPHAN, COMMANDER GM 15 AND TWO RLAF OFFICERS.
3. FIRST SCENE VISITED WAS CP OF GM 15 VIC OF WD 5845, NOT WD

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6141 AS PRVIOUSLY REPORTED. VISIT CONFIRMED TIME OF ATTACK AS 2308Z. LOCALS ALSO STATED TWO ACFT INVOLVED, EACH DROPPING FIVE BOMBS. BOMBS LANDED ON EITHER SIDE OF ROAD (RTE 9) SPRAYING SHRAPNEL FROM 100-150 METERS. BOMBS APPARENTLY HAD INSTANTANEOUS FUZES SINCE CRATERS QUITE SHALLOW, APPROX 3-4 FEET DEEP BY 15-18 FEET ACROSS. THERE IS AN OLD 40 FOOT FLATBED TRAILER PARKED ON ROAD VICINITY LAST BOMB CRATER (75 FEET OR SO). DAMAGES CONSISTED OF BURNED CLOTHING, WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, COOKING UTENSILS AND MONEY. TWO FAR SOLDIERS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. COMMENTS: SOLDIERS HAD PICKED UP TWO LARGE PIECES OF BOMB CASING, ONE PLAINLY MARKED 750 POUND GP BOMB, WHICH WERE PLACED IN FRONT OF CP TENT AND HAD PRINTED PLACARD IN LAO SAYING ROUGHLY, "THIS MATERIAL WHILE MEANT FOR THE COMMUNIST IS BEING USED IN PRACTICE ON US." THIS IS SAME ELEMENT OF GM 15 WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY ATTACKED LAST APRIL BY USN JETS IN SAME GENERAL VICINITY. ATTITUDE OF SOLDIERS AND COMMANDER NOT AT ALL FRIENDLY AS IS USUAL WHEN AMERICANS VISIT LAO UNITS. AIRA GAVE USUAL CONDOLENCES AND ASSURANCES SUCH WOULD NOT RECUR. ALSO LEFT US FAC WITH RADIOS WITH UNIT IN AN EFFORT TO (1) AVOID ANOTHER INCIDENT AND (2) TO EASE TENSION AND REBUILD CONFIDENCE.

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4. PARTY THEN PROCEEDED ABOUT TEN MILES NE TO VILLAGE OF BAN NA KA PONG, VIC WD 6653. THIS AREA STRUCK BY THREE JETS AT ABOUT SAME TIME AS OTHER. ACCORDING TO VILLAGERS, TARGET APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A FORD CROSSING A SMALL STREAM ABOUT 100 METERS FROM VILLAGE -- SINCE BOMBS IN LINE ALONG BANK OF AN IN STREAM, DENSE JUNGLE PREVENTED COUNT BUT VILLAGERS REPORTED ABOUT 15 BOMBS DROPPED. FROM APPEARANCE OF SHRAPNEL, ALSO 750 POUND.

5. CASUALTIES FROM THIS ATTACK WERE ON WOMAN KILLED, HER CREMATION VERIFIED BY AMERICAN CAS REP; TWO CHILDREN, A BOY AND HIS SISTER. THE GIRL'S INJURIES WERE QUITE MINOR BUT LITTLE BOY HAD UGLY FOOT WOUND WHICH REQUIRED AMPUTATION OF GREAT TOE BY US ARMY HOSPITAL, KORAT, WHERE FAMILY WAS TAKEN LATE 24 FEB. DOCTRS FEEL FOOT CAN BE SAVED IF COMPLICATIONS AVOIDED. DAMGE TO VILLAGE CONSISTED OF 15 GRASS TOPPED DWELLINGS BURNED TO GROUND. APPARENTLY STARTED BY PIECE OF HOT SHRAPNEL, SEVERAL OF WHICH WERE FOUND IN ASHES. BESIDES CLOTHING, FOOD AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, THE FIRE ALSO DESTROYED THE VILLAGERS' ENTIRE STORAGE OF PLANTING RICE. COMMENT: VILLAGERS NOT HOSTILE TO PARTY NEITHER WERE THEY FRIENDLY. THIS VILLAGE UNTIL FAIRLY RECENT CONSIDERED PL

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AND LOCAL US REP FEARS THAT UNLESS RAPID COMPENSATION IS MADE THEY MAY CHANGE ALLEGIANCE AGAIN.

6. DEPCMDR 2AD REP IS 2AD INVESTIGATING OFFICER WHO IS ENDEAVORING TO DETERMINE FLIGHT RESPONSIBLE. USAID REP, PRAY THERE WILL BE NO REPETITION. INCIIENTS SUCH AS THIS PUTS SEVER STRAIN ON US RELATIONS WITH RLAF AND LOCAL FAR COMMANDERS.

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TO: CINCPAC

INFO: 7TH AF (COURIER)

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SUBJECT: YANKEE TEAM/BLUE TREE PROCEDURES (U)

REFERENCES: A. CINCPAC MSG 110139Z MAY.

B. CINCPAC MSG 030132Z MAY.

C. USAIRA, VIENTIANE MSG 230815Z APR.

1. (S) Ref A is CINCPAC Yankee Team Requirements for June. Ref B is CINCPAC Photo Recce Requirements. Ref C is USAIRA, Vientiane Yankee Team requirements for June.

2. (S) First Subject: MACV is experiencing difficulty in passing CINCPAC monthly requirements on to 7th AF for action. Procedures established by this headquarters provide for CINCPAC monthly requirements to be replotted on 1:250,000 series charts and then passed to 7th AF for mission planning. CINCPAC requirements as outlined in ref A are plotted on 1:500,000

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series charts. Transferring these coords from one scale map to a larger scale map may not have any degrading effect where area coverage is concerned, but pin point targets and route alignment configurations may not provide the coverage desired. In so much as the operational units at 7th AF use 1:250,000 aeronautical charts for mission planning, it is recommended that all coords be taken from this scale chart. Additionally, furnishing operational units with just the beginning and end coordinate along a route or waterway may not accomplish desired results. Major turning points should be furnished to assure maximum coverage of desired LOC's.

3. (S) Second Subject: Ref B outlined originator identifier code using a single alphabetic character. Ref A then showed a three letter alphabetic code and a three digit number system. USAIRA, Vientiane submitted a number of Yankee Team requirements for June, but only those requiring CINCPAC approval were forwarded to the PIRRB. The others, which plotted in area Adam or along "Canned" routes in northern Laos, were held at MACV to be added to the monthly requirements. The question now arises, what numbers to assign these USAIRA requirements? It was noted in Ref A that CINCPAC numbering system followed in sequence regardless of requestor. Last Nr used being 019. Advise if MACV should identify USAIRA's other requests starting with 020. GP-3.

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: CINCPAC
AMEMB, VIENTIANE

INFO: JCS
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COMDR, 3 AD DIV, GUAM
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Secret 20994 FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: Arc Light Border Overflights (C)

Ref: Arc Light reaction conference 9-10 June at Anderson AFB, Guam.

This Message in Two Parts:

Part One for CINCPAC:

1. (S) Implementation of the Arc Light Quick Reaction (QR)

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force will require target and strike execution approval within a matter of hours if the planned 10 hour reaction time to TOT is to be achieved.

2. (S) To facilitate gaining rapid approval for QR strike requests when the possibility of Cambodian or Laos border overflight exists during strikes on targets in SVN, request blanket approval be obtained for limited overflight of border areas by B-52 aircraft.

3. (S) Request status of Quick Reaction plan with regards 1 July 66 implementation date.

PART Two for AMEMB, VIENTIANE

1. (U) Request your concurrence and comments on possible minimum penetration of Laos for strikes against targets in SVN with reply to CINCPAC (Action) JCS and MACV (Info).

2. (S) MACV would provide Amemb., Vientiane with timely Rpt planned information of planned overflights.

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Cmdr 7th AF

AMEMB VIENTIANE

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FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: Sky Spot (U)

Ref: A. CINCPAC DTG 102327Z (S)

1. (S) Ref A requests status of proposal to utilize MSQ-77 system for attacks against targets in Laos.

2. (S) Test strikes against a NVN target were controlled by MSQ-77 equipment located at Nakhon Phanon during period 8-12 June. Additional strikes are scheduled for at least two more days. Results of these strikes will be forwarded to Amemb Vientiane for review when tests and BDA photography are complete.

3. (S) CINCPAC will be advised of Amemb Vientiane decision as soon as received.

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VB(3) LAOS

L I M D I S

1. I AM CONCUERNED, AS I AM SURE YOU ARE, WITH NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT WE ARE LOSING TO ENEMY ATI-AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY ON APPROACHES TO MU GIA PASS WITHIN LAOS. WE HAVE HAD 15 SHO DOWN IN THIS GENERAL AREA IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS.

2. AT ANEARLIER STAGE, I HAD PROPOSED POSSIBILITY OF ARC LIGHT STRIKES ON THESE APPROACHES BUT THIS ABORTED EITHER BECUASE OF SAM RISK OR BECAUSE WASHIGTON DID NOT WISH APPROACH RLG ON THIS SENSITIVU.

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3. HOWEVER, I WONDER, IF THERE ISTN SOME POSSIBILITY OF GIVING THIS ARE A THROROUGH SCRUBBING BY A FEW LARGE TAC RAIDS N ORDER TO WIPE OUT THEHAAA LOCATED THERE. OUR CURRENT PRACTICE OF SENDING IN ONLY A FEW PLANES AT A TIME SEEMS FAIRLY SUICIDAL.

4. YOUR WILL RECOGNIZE THIS AS STRICTLY A LAYMAN' S SUGGESTION WHICH MAY, FOR EASONS BEYOND MY KEN, PROVE IMPRACTICAL. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS OR REACTIONS. OTHER INFORMAION ADDRESSES (SUCH AS DEP COM 7TH AF/13 AF) WHO HAVE MORE DETAILED OPERATIONAL INFORMATION MAY ALSO WISH TO COMMENT.

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THIS MSG IN THREE PARTS.

PART I. OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE US AIRCRAFT HAVE BOMBED AND STRAFED FRIENDLY VILLAGES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. OUR PROCEDURE THUS FAR FOR COMPENSATING FRIENDLY LOSSES HAS BEEN THROUGH THE LOCAL USAID AREA COORDINATOR AND IN SOME INSTANCES CAS IN THE FORM OF SUPPLIES MONEY AND MATERIALS. WE FEEL IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND RAPIDLY TO DAMAGE CLAIMS OF FRIENDLIES. AIRA

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OFFICE NOT STAFFED OR FUNDED TO HANDLE ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS. USAID ADVISES THEY CAN ADMINISTER THIS SERVICE IF FUNDS ARE PROVIDED.

PART II: IT OCCURS TO US THAT WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER ADVICE ON THIS MATTER. Yes, tell them to drop their bombs on the target!

PART III: REQUEST EARLY RESPONSE SINCE WE NOW HOLDING CLAIMS FOR 22 HOUSES DESTROYED AND ONE JEEP VALUED AT ONE THOUSAND DOLPURS.

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S E C R E T C52490 DEC 65. FOR AFXOPF AT CSAF. SUBJECT: (U) 0-1 AIRCRAFT.

REF A CSAF AFXOPF 75424 DTG 011417Z DEC (NOTAL) REQUESTING REQUIREMENT FOR 0-1 REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT.

REF B JCS 7787 DTG 032025Z DEC

THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS.

PART I. FOR CSAF AND CINCPAC.

1. EXISTING INVENTORY OF USAF 0-1E/F AIRCRAFT WAS ESTABLISHED ON BASIS OF FORCES PRESENT OR PROGRAMMED FOR SOUTH VIETNAM IN JULY 1965. SINCE THAT TIME SHARP UPWARD TURN IN ACTIVITY HAS

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OCCURRED WITH SUBSTANTIAL BUILDUP OF US GROUND FORCES TAC AIR AND FREE WORLD ASSISTANCE FORCES. RECENTLY INITIATED "TIGER HOUND" OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED FAC CONTROLLED AIR STRIKES AND ASSOCIATED VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE IN SOUTHERN LAOS. CURRENT

TIGER HOUND PLAN CALLS FOR UTILIZATION OF ADDITIONAL USAF O-1 AIRCRAFT.

2. GROUND FACS IN RVN GENERALLY HAVE BEEN INEFFECTIVE IN CONTROLLING AIR STRIKES IN MOST BATTLE AREAS BECAUSE OF LIMITED VISIBILITY IN

JUNGLE TERRAIN LACK OF ESTABLISHED BATTLE LINE AND FLUID NATURE OF INSURGENT WAR. THEREFORE AIRBORNE FAC IS BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR AN EFFECTIVE TACTICAL AIR STRIKE IN RVN AND SOUTHERN LAOS. TO DATE US/FREE WORLD ASSISTANCE FORCES HAVE DEPLOYED TO RVN WITHOUT FAC AIRCRAFT AS WILL FUTURE DEPLOYING FORCES. FAC AIR-

CRAFT MUST BE AVAILABLE TO ALL OF THESE UNITS TO BE IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE TO STRIKE REQUIREMENTS 24 HOURS PER DAY. KFAC AIRCRAFT MUST ALSO BE ALLOCATED TO CORPS DIVISION PROVINE LEVE

TO PROVIDE EQUAL SUPPORT TO ARVN FORCES. TOTAL AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ARVN CORPS DIVISION - 10
ARVN PROVICE/SECTOR - 94

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TIGER HOUND - 10

TOTAL - 146

THE 146 USAF Ø-1 AIRCRAFT WILL BE AN INCREASE OF 26 OVER THE PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED 120.

3. RECENT LOSS RATE OF Ø-1 AIRCRAFT IN RVN HAS BEEN HIGHER THAN ORIGINALLY FORECAST. COM2AIRDIV NOW ESTIMATES LOSS OF FIVE AIRCRAFT EVERY TWO MONTHS. AS THE TACTICAL STRIKE SORTIES INCREASE FROM 12,776 IN OCTOBER 1965 TO AN ESTIMATED 19,ØØØ BY JANUARY 1967 FAC SORTIES WILL INCREASE PROPORTIONATELY. DIRECT COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS SUCH AS ARTILLERY SUPPORT CONVOY ESCORT AND PSY WARFARE WILL ALSO INCREASE PROPORTIONATELY TO ACTIVITIES IN OTHER AREAS.

4. TO FULFILL REQUIREMENT OF 146 AIRCRAFT AND COMPENSATE FOR ATTRITION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT TO RVN OF ADDITIONAL 29 Ø-1 AIRCRAFT. TO COMPENSATE FOR ANTICIPATED ATTRITION 1Ø ADDITIONAL Ø-1 AIRCRAFT REQUIRED 1 MAY 66 1Ø AIRCRAFT 1 SEP 66 1Ø AIRCRAFT 1 JAN 67 AND 1Ø AIRCRAFT 1 MAY 67. ADDITIONAL AIR-CRAFT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO FOUR EXISTING TASS'S AND LOCATED AT

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FORWARD OPERATING BASES AS REQUIRED.

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432X1	8
434X0	1
532X4	2
534X0	2
581X0	2
982X0	1
645X0	2
TOTAL	121

PART III. XRR CINCPAC. REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE.
UNDERSTAND ABOVE AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENT WAS PASSED TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MCNAMARA BY COMUSMACV DURING VISIT TO RVN ON 28-30 NO 65 AND IS INCLUDED IN ITEM 14 OF REF B.
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O-1 REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT (U)

A. CINCPACAF C52490/131957Z DEC 65 PASEP

B. JCS 7787/03202SZ DEC 65 PASEP

1. REF A RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL 29 O-1 AIRCRAFT TO RVN TO COMPENSATE FOR ATTRITION AND TO MEET INCREASED OVERALL REQUIREMENTS.

2. THE ADDITIONAL 29 O-1 AIRCRAFT REQUESTED WILL BE AN INCREASE OR 20 OVER THE PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED 120. ITEM 14 REF B REFERS.

3. REQUEST YOUR COMMENT ON THIS RECOMMENDATION.

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S E C R E T DOCO-0-99238 JAN 66.

SUBJECT: OPREP PINNACLE/OPREP-3.

31 DEC 65 AT 0330Z THREE F4C'S AND FOUR A4C'S UNDER AC-47 FAC CONTROL STRUCK AN UNAPPROVED TARGET AT XG775022 25 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SARAVANE LAOS. THE VALIDATED TARGET WAS BLAF 111 ALPHA 6 CHARLIE AT XD775022. THRU AN ERROR IN MISPRINT COORDINATES WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER AS XG775022. THIS LOCATION IS 60 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF THE VALIDATED TARGET. PHOTOGRAPH OF VALIDATED TARGET CLOSELY RESEMBLED TARGET AREA STRUCK. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO: CINCPAC

AIRA Vientiane

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To: COMUSMACV (MSG)

Info: D/C 2 AD/13AF

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Subj: Yankee Team. For J-3

Ref: A. COMUSMACV 021126Z Sep 65

B. COMUSMACV 011006Z Nov 65

1. Ref discussion with Maj H. Morris (J-3) 4 Dec 65, concerning revision of Ref A.

2. Ref A as approved by Ref B established procedures and authority for utilization of reconnaissance A/C in response to urgent requirements levied by USAIRA, Vientiane.

3. Recommend Ref A be revised as follows:

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a. USAIRA forward directly to Dep Commander, 2AD/13AF, Udorn Thai, emergency and urgent, fleeting or perishable requests, info MACV, 2AD, 15RTF. Dep Commander, 2AD/13AF, Udorn Thai will modify existing Yankee Team mission or launch a special Yankee Team mission as required.

b. Emergency requests are defined as those where timely reconnaissance is of paramount importance to friendly ground or air forces or where the intelligence desired is of paramount importance to the U.S. or friendly governments. Examples as the confirmation or denial of reported troop massing or other enemy activity, which is a direct threat to friendly ground or air forces, or BDA of suspected bombing of friendly or neutral territory, where the information has high level interest and international significance.

c. Urgent fleeting or perishable targets are defined as those where the need is urgent, and the reconnaissance must be performed as soon as possible to obtain desired result. An example of a fleeting target is a significant ground force moving by truck. Perishable targets are those that will rapidly change, such as the immediate assessment of major troop engagements, where significant losses to friendly or enemy forces must be known. Immediate reconnaissance must be performed before casualties and equipment are removed.

d. USAIRA emergency and urgent fleeting or perishable requirement will take priority over regularly scheduled Yankee

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Team missions. Dep Commander, 2AD/13AF will not divert A/C scheduled for Blue Tree, Rolling Thunder or Iron Hand without concurrence of 2AD. Additionally D/C 2AD/13AF will insure that the Udorn reconnaissance aircraft are not tasked to fly more sorties per day then one point two times aircraft possessed at Udorn without approval from 2D AD.

5. Dep Commander, 2AD/13AF should screen USAIRA requirements very carefully to insure that they are within the guidelines established above. All requirements submitted that do not fall within the categories above will be returned to USAIRA, who will submit to MACV, who will in turn direct 2AD accomplishment or forward to CINCPAC for inclusion in monthly Yankee Team program.

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TO: 2D AD

INFO: CINCPAC
Dep CDR 2 AD/13 AF Udorn
CINCPACAF
USAIRA, Vientiane
AMEMB, Bangkok

Secret 44596

FROM: MACJ02

Subj: Yankee Team (U)

Ref: A. USAIRA Vientiane 03809 DTG 290609Z Nov (NOTAL)
B. 2D AD DOCO-ER 05315 DTG 091205 Dec (NOTAL)
C. COMUSMACV 18539 DTG 021128Z Jun
D. COMUSMACV 38896 DTG 011006Z Nov (NOTAL)
E. AMEMB Bangkok 241102Z May (NOTAL)
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1. (S) In the past confusion has arisen concerning proper targets for rapid response Yankee Team missions using assets stationed at Udorn. This confusion has resulted in

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duplicate and wasteful effort or non-completion of a valid requirement. Ref A requests clarification of the above. Ref B proposes certain changes to current procedures.

2. (S) Ref C is approved plan as amended by Ref D for RF-101 aircraft stationed at Udorn to be made available for immediate launch to photograph selected targets. Refs C and D are cancelled and superseded by this message. Ref E is approval to launch quick reaction Thai based recon aircraft without prior notice.

3. (S) Definitions and examples.

a. Emergency request - Request for photo coverage of a target where timely reconnaissance is of paramount importance to friendly ground or air forces, or to the U.S. or friendly governments.

(1) Examples.

(a) Verification of reported troop concentrations or other enemy activity which poses a direct threat to friendly ground or air forces.

(b) BDA of suspected bombing on friendly or neutral territory when the information has high level interest and/or international significance.

b. Urgent request - Request for photo coverage of a target where the reconnaissance must be performed as soon as possible to obtain the desired result.

(1) Examples.

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(a) A ground force moving by truck is a fleeting type target.

(b) Perishable targets are those that will rapidly change, such as the immediate assessment of major troop engagements, where significant losses to friendly or enemy forces and equipment must be known.

4. (S) USAIRA Vientiane may, as indicated Ref B, submit an emergency or urgent request for photo coverage directly to Dep Cmdr/13AF Udorn, with info copy to 2D AD. These requests will state whether emergency or urgent and provide NEI. Requests will be screened and if valid, will take priority over regularly scheduled Yankee Team missions. To fill emergency or urgent requests, Dep Cmdr 2 AD/13AF has the option of modifying a regularly scheduled Yankee Team mission or of launching a special mission. Blue Tree, Rolling Thunder or Iron Hand missions may not be diverted without the concurrence of Commander 2D AD or his designated representative. For info, Dep Cmdr 2AD/13AF is not required to fly more sorties than one point two times number of recce aircraft possessed at Udorn except in unusual circumstances.

5. (S) USAIRA Vientiane photo requirements of an immediate nature but not qualifying as a rapid response requirement defined para 3 above, and monthly routine requirements will continue to be addressed to MACV for disposition. In addition, Dep Cmdr 2 AD/13AF will forward to MACV, info 2D AD those

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requests from USAIRA Vientiane that do not meet the requirements of para 3 above, or that cannot be met due to non-availability of resources.

6. (C) Current procedures for numbering YT missions will be used. Provisions of OPREP reporting system apply. The OPREP-2 launch report will be submitted IAW Ref F and include target identification and coordinates in UTM and geographic systems.

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TO: CINCPAC

INFO: CG, 2D AIR DIV (COURIER)

USAIRA (VIENTIANE, LAOS) (AIRMAIL)

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Subj: Yankee Team

Ref: A. MACV Msg DTG 211311Z Oct 65 (S)

B. MACV Msg DTG 031149Z (S)

C. CINCPAC Msg DTG 072056Z (S)

1. (S) Para 4, Reference C, requests details to facilitate CINCPAC review and evaluation of utilization of OV-1 aircraft to support Yankee Team operations. Requested information is as follows:

a. Magnitude of planned OV-1 operations. The OV-1 aircraft will be utilized in Yankee Team to supplement the reconnaissance provided by 2d Air Div Recon Assets. As the OV-1 aircraft has an inflight readout capability on both the SLAR and the IR sensors, which none of the in-country 2d Air Div

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reconnaissance aircraft poasesses, it is proposed to utilize the OV-1 to confirm or deny current activity in specific areas at specific times. An example of this concept of operations would be support of units such as the 1st Cav working in close proximity of the Laos border with full expectation of [redacted] being attacked from across the border.

b. Mission Profiles. The OV-1 will operate at low altitude only. Optimum altitude for IR operations is 1000' - 2000' absolute and for SLAR operations is 5000' - 7000' absolute. Although some pinpoint photography from OV-1 may be required, normally this will be provided by 2d Air Div resources.

c. Objectives that are not met and cannot be accomplished with the current program. The reconnaissance aircraft of the 2d Air Div do not possess an inflight SLAR and IR readout capability. A real time capability is required for immediate target confirmation. Of the in-country aircraft, only the OV-1 has this capability in being.

d. Effect on in-country operations. It is not envisioned that the OV-1 aircraft effort in supporting forces operating within or adjacent to the Yankee Team area will greatly affect in-country operations. Although this will provide some reduction of in-country capability at the infrequent times the OV-1 is utilized for Yankee Team, the importance of disrupting VC infiltration routes and bases makes this reduction acceptable.

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e. Coordination of tasking with 2d Air Div and AMEMB Vientiane. YANKEE TEAM OV-1 tasking will be accomplished through the TOC/TACC to provide not only definitive targeting information but also to provide for orderly airspace operations. AMEMB Vientiane will be kept informed of reconnaissance plans and target development as is done for the remainder of YANKEE TEAM effort.

f. Capability of Reconnaissance Technical facilities to handle data. The US Army units equipped with OV-1 have organic processing and interpreting facilities in addition to inflight readout capability. Additional facilities of the 1st ..l Bn (..RS) soon to arrive in country, and of the ..ACV Intelli..ence Center will be available for backup support.

g. OV-1 SORTIES will be furnished to 2d Air Div for Project Tiger Hound from assets of the 20th ASTA Det. Tiger Hound will have priority of daily available sorties. It is planned to allocate 3 sorties per day for Tiger Hound initially increasing this number as additional OV-1 assets become available.

2. (C) Recommend approval of authorization for ..CV to utilize OV-1 aircraft in the Yankee Team area. Gp 3.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Air Operations in the Laos Panhandle and Route Packages 1 and 2 (S)

1. This memorandum confirms oral guidance issued by the undersigned this date to:

Maj Gen G. L. Meyers, V/Cdr, 2d Air Div
Maj Gen J. C. F. Tillson, III, MACV J-3
Col F. S. Seofield, MACV Dep J-2
Col J. F. Groom, Cdr, TIGER HOUND Task Force

2. COMUSMACV has recommended through joint channels a revision in control arrangements relating to use of out of country tactical air so as to combine under COMUSMACV control of tactical air operations in the STEEL TIGER area of southern Laos and Route Packages 1 and 2 in southern North Vietnam. In furtherance of this recommendation, J-3, assisted by 2d Air Division and J-2, is requested to develop for early approval by COMUSMACV an air control plan designed to fulfill the following two objectives:

a. Immediate responsiveness to MACV requirements, including provision for rapid sortie reallocation.

b. Application of scientific techniques and professional expertise to the end that tactical air resources are marshaled, allocated and so applied as to achieve optimum results in terms of damage to and disruption of enemy activities in the Laos Panhandle and Route Packages 1 and 2.

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3. Specific points to be encompassed by the plan include the following:

a. Analysis of possible control structures, including location of the control headquarters. Among the possibilities are:

(1) Extension of the TIGER HOUND apparatus, in whole or in part, eastward to absorb Route Packages 1 and 2.

(2) Establishment of separate control arrangements for Route Packages 1 and 2.

(3) Adoption of a totally new joint structure.

b. Responsibility for and procedures to be utilized in development of new targets.

c. Arrangements for close and continued scrutiny of targets in all categories, coupled with provision for expeditious commitment of appropriate strike resources against the target system.

d. Measures enabling continuous analysis of strike results and overall mission accomplishment.

e. Percentage of carrier-based air to be allocated to the proposed new area.

f. Requirement, if any, for repositioning in-country tactical air assets and control facilities.

g. Provision of FACs for Route Packages 1 and 2, together with procedures to be employed by them.

4. A briefing on the status of planning prescribed above will be available for COMUSMACV commencing 21 March 1968.

SIGNED BY C/S
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Major General, USA
Chief of Staff

cc: Cdr, 2AD
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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: CINCPAC/RUHLHQ

SECRET-NOFORN 54004 From: MACJ22

Subj: Classification and Disclosure of Trojan Horse and Blue Springs Photography

V B(3) LAOS.

Ref: A. DIA Message 282237Z Sep 65

B. CINCPAC Message [redacted]Z Oct 65

1. (S-NOFORN) Reference A establishes classification of Trojan Horse and Blue Springs photography and delegates disclosure authority to CINCPAC. Reference B further delegates this authority to COMUSMACV.

2. (S-NOFORN) Request review of references A & B to determine releasability of Trojan Horse photography to Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF) and Free World Military Assistance Forces, Vietnam (FWMAFV) so that it may be used in the data base of the Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam.

3. (S-NOFORN) If Trojan Horse photography is releasable to RVNAF and FWMAFV for the use described above, request that

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SUBJECT: AC-47 AIRCRAFT (U)

REF: A. 7AF (S) DO 08195 JUN 66 (NOTAL)
B. CINCPACAF (S) DO 30538 JUN 66
C. CINCPAC (S) 052202Z JUL 66 -> COC
D. COMUSMACV (S) 23393 JUL 66

1. REF A WAS 7AF REQUEST TO WITHDRAW TWO AC-47S FROM UBON THAI. REF B REQUESTED CINCPAC CONCURRENCE. REF C REQUESTED COMUSMACV AND AMEMB VIENTIANE COMMENTS.

2. REF A QUOTED IN PART PER REQUEST REF D. QUOTE

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2. ORIGINAL OPERATIONAL CONCEPT FOR AC-47 WEAPONS SYSTEM WAS JUSTIFIED TO JCS FOR EMPLOYMENT TO RVN TO RESPOND WITH FLARES AND FIRE POWER IN SUPPORT OF HAMLETS UNDER NIGHT ATTACK, TO SUPPLEMENT STRIKE ACFT IN DEFENSE OF FRIENDLY FORCES AND PROVIDE LONG ENDURANCE AIR ESCORT FOR CONVOYS. ACFT HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL WHILE EMPLOYED IN THIS ROLE. OF TWENTY ACFT DEPLOYED SEA (16 UE, 4 ATTRITION, SIX HAVE BEEN LOST; TWO SVN (DAYLIGHT) TWO TIGERHOUND AND TWO ON CRICKET OPERATIONS. TWO REPLACEMENT ACFT RECEIVED DURING MAY PUTS 4TH ACS AT UE STRENGTH.

3. URGENT REQUIREMENT EXISTS TO USE ALL AC-47'S IN ROLE FOR WHICH JUSTIFIED TO JCS. IN VIEW OF EIGHT A-26A ACFT ARRIVAL, THAILAND PROJECTED 16 JUN 66 FOR EMPLOYMENT AT NIGHT IN LAOS, REQUEST CINCPAC BE CONTACTED FOR APPROVAL TO REDEPLOY REMAINING TWO AC-47'S AND PERSONNEL AT UBON TO SVN NLT 30 JUN 66.

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TO: CMDR 7TH AF

INFO: CINCPACAF

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Secret 23660 FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: AIE Deployment (U)

Ref: A. CINCPAC 202145Z Apr (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) Ref A granted authority to deploy a total of 25 AIE aircraft to Udorn from SVN for a period not to exceed 90 days without CINCPAC approval. Under the provisions of Ref A, the 602 FS should redeploy to Nha Trang o/a 23 July.

2. (U) Request comments to this headquarters ASAP.

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FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: Strikes Against Barges (U)

Ref: A. Amemb Vientiane DTG 29102hZ Jun66 (S) (NOTAL)
B. COMUSMACV 23316 DTG 060135Z (S) (NOTAL)
C. Amemb Vientiane 1140 DTG 090425Z (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) Ref A requested information concerning strikes against barges in the Steel Tiger area, to include interpretation of authorization for these strikes. Ref B stated that all strikes on river craft in the Tiger Hound area have been against essentially ferry slip type targets and have been authorized by the Laotian representative aboard the Airborne Command Post. MACV interprets

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these barges to constitute ferries and are authorized for strikes as fixed targets when validated by the Airborne Command Post. Barges moving on the river with people aboard have not been struck. Ref C authorizes the continuance of these strikes within the Steel Tiger operating area when validated by the Leo representative aboard the Airborne Command Post and requests that barges moving on rivers with people aboard be avoided.

2. (U) Take Ref C FORMC.

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SUBJ: STRIKES ON BARGES

REF: COMUSMACV 23346 DTG 080352

1. AS LONG AS STRIKES ON BARGES ARE AUTHORIZED BY LAO RSPRESENTATIVES ABOARD AIRBORNE COMMAND POST (AS PER REFTEL) AND ARE WITHIN STEEL HIGER OPERATINV AREA, THEY GIVE US NO RPT NO POLCTICAL PROBLEM AND MAC CONTINUE.

2. REQUEST MACV CONTINUE TO AVOID BARGES MOVING ON RIVERS WITH PEOPLE ABOARD (PARA THREE REFTEL).

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: AMEMB Vientiane

INFO: Cmdr 7th AF

Dep Cmdr 7/13 AF Udorn

Secret 23346

From: MACCOC2

Subj: Strikes on Barges (U)

Ref: A. AMEMB Vientiane DTG 291024Z Jun 66 (S)

1. (S) Ref A requests interpretation of authorization for strikes against barges in the Steel Tiger area, an assessment as to the criticality of these strikes as a part of the interdiction effort, and an estimate of the nature and volume of enemy cargo being transported in this manner.

2. (S) All strikes on river craft in the Tiger Hound area have been authorized by the Laotian representative on board the Airborne Command Post. The majority of the barges and rafts have been associated with known river crossing points, have been camouflaged, have not been manned and did not contain cargo. Destroying these river craft restricts the movement of enemy cargo

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across the rivers under cover of darkness. The nature and volume of traffic via this means is not known; however, as an example: a camouflaged structure near camouflaged barges close to a river crossing yielded a secondary explosion, indicating a munitions storage area. These are essentially ferry slip type targets similar to those attacked in NVN and offer considerable potential for waterborne infiltration-related movements.

3. (S) Barges moving on the river with people aboard have not rpt not been struck.

4. (S) MACV interprets these barges to constitute ferries and are authorized for strike as fixed targets when validated by the Airborne Command Post.

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DTG 080822Z JUN 66

FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: 7TH AF

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FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: AC-47 Aircraft (U)

Ref: A. CINCPACAF 36438 DTG 292210Z Jun (S)

B. CINCPAC 052202Z (S)

1. (S) Ref A requested CINCPAC concurrence in proposal to withdraw 2 AC-47 aircraft from Ubon, Thailand, to fulfill urgent requirement in SVN. Ref B requested COMUSMACV's comments on requirement.

2. (S) Request your comments be submitted soonest direct this Hq for inclusion in COMUSMACV answer.

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S E C R E T VC 2747Ø OCT 66.

SUBJECT: COUP ATTEMPT IN LAOS.

CONFIRMING TELECON WITH GEN ROSSON BY GEN GRAHAM. 7AF FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS, STRIKE PILOTS, AND RADAR WEAPONS DIRECTORS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SITUATION BY Ø6ØØZ. HOWEVER, TO AVOID ANY CONNOTATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE COUP, IT IS 7AF INTENTION TO CANCELL ALL STRIKE ACTIVITY IN LAOS FOR REMAINDER OF 21 OCTOBER. STRIKES WILL BE EXECTUED 22 OCT UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. RECOMMEND AMEMB VIENTIANE CONFIRM TO YOU DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS.

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S E C R E T DOCO 26932 OCT 66. SUBJECT: BOMBING OF FRIENDLY AREA IN LAOS. A. USAIRA VIENTIANE TS NOFORN AIRA OCT 66

B. CINCPAC TS NOFORN 012012Z OCT 66 → COC

C. COMUSMACV TS NOFORN 43953 MACCOC2 → COC

D. 7AF TS DOCO-66-TS 17689 OCT 66

E. USAIRA VIENTIANE SECRET NOFORN-AIRA 01522 OCT 66.

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1. ROF E STATES THAT THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WERE TWO HITE COLORED JETS. ALSO, ONLY FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED INSTEAD OF TEN REPORTED IN REF A. 2. 7AF INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE CLOSEST STRIKE FLIGHT EXPENDING ORDNANCE WAS 27 MILES FROM THE FRIENDLY VILLAGE LISTED IN REF A. TIME OF STRIKE WAS 29/0835Z SEP 66 (1535G). IN ADDITION, AN IRON HAND FLIGHT CAME WITHIN 11 MILES OF THE VILLAGES BUT EXPENDED NO ORDNANCE ON THIS MISSION. THE REMAINDER OF 7AF JET AIRCRAFT WERE ELIMINATED BY TIME AND/OR DISTANCE.

3. 7AF INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED THAT NO 7AF JET AIRCRAFT DROPPED ORDNANCE IN OR NEAR THE FRIENDLY VILLAGE. INVESTIGATION OF RLAF T-28

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ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED.

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S E C R E T

PINK ROSE (U)

A. PRELIMINARY PINK ROSE TEST PLAN

1. REF A INDICATES PHASE I COMPLETION DATE OF 18 FEV 1966 AND PHASE II, 24 DEC 1966. SUCCESS OF PINK ROSE DEPENDS UPON TIMELY COMPLETION OF EACH PHASE. REQUEST ADVISE WHETHER SCHEDULE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSED AADLINES.

2. REQUEST COMMENTS ON USE OF ORANGE VERSUS WHITE HERBICIDE. INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF ANY SUPPLY PROBLEMS AFFECTING PINK ROSE/ DEFOLIATION/CROP DESTRUCTION OPERATIONS IN SEA.

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TO: COMDR, 7TH AIR FORCE, TSN, RVN /RUMSBJ

INFO: CG, III MAF/SA ICTZ /RUMNMF

SECRET 47663 FROM: MACCOC13

IB(3) LAOS

7TH AF FOR TACC-RANCH HAND
CO, 12TH AIR COMMANDO SQUADRON

SUBJ: Crop Destruction Project 1/2/2/66 (U)

1. (U) Request you plan and execute aerial spray missions to accomplish above project. Details have been furnished your headquarters through staff coordination.

2. (C) The period for execution, as established by JGS operation order 32248/TTM/P3/HH, dated 20 Oct 66, is 21 Oct through 31 Dec 66.

3. (S) Missions should be flown under the Farmgate concept using VNAF markings and mixed US and Vietnamese crews.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

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10 DEC 1966

SUBJECT: Rules of Engagement for Steel Tiger/Tigerhound (U)

TO: US Defense Attache Office
US Embassy, Laos
APO 96352

JTB (3) Laos

1. (U) Reference: COMUSMACV message, DTG 240332Z Oct 66 (S), Enemy Exploitation of Rules of Engagement (U).

2. (U) The study referred to in the reference has been completed. A map also has been prepared to indicate likely avenues of approach. Both are included herewith as inclosures 1 and 2.

3. (S-LIMDIS) A message has been forwarded to Ambassador Sullivan requesting concurrence in the application of the present rules of engagement for Steel Tiger/Tigerhound to these likely avenues as well as those currently known to be in use.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Signed
W. B. ROSSON
Major General, USA
Chief of Staff

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FROM: COMUSMACV

TO: AMEMB., VIENTIANE RUMBSL

INFO: CINCPAC RUHLHQ

CMDR, 7TH AF RUMSBJ

AMEMB., BANGKOK RUMTBK

SECRET LIMDIS 45565 From MACCOC2

Subj: Steel Tiger (SL) (U)

Ref: A. AMEMB., Vientiane 2059 DTG 070543Z (TS)

B. COMUSMACV MACCOC2 45222 DTG 120015Z (TS)

1. (C) Your suggested modifications (Ref A) to Steel Tiger Rules of Engagement have been forwarded to CINCPAC for approval (Ref B).

2. (S) The Special Operations Area described in para 4, Ref A, is acceptable. Pursuant to CINCPAC approval of, and your concurrence with, the establishment of Special Operations Areas, 7AF will be tasked to publish in 7AF SL OPORD the coordinates of your suggested area.

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I B (3) Laos

SECRET LIMDIS 01832 NOV 66. THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN EMBASSY MESSAGE IS RETRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. QUOTE.

1. REF CINCPAC 262330Z → COC

GOM IN EVENT CHRISTMAS OR TET CEASE FIRES, I ASSUME OPERATIONS IN LAOS WILL CONTINUE UNABATED. THIS WAS OUR PRACTICEE LAST YEAR AND WILL, IN MY JUDGEMENT, BE A REQUIREMENT THIS YEAR. THIS SEASON IS THE TIME OF MAXIMUM ENEMY MENACE IN LAOS.

2. I SEE NO NEED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH SOUVANNA AND WOULD NOT PROPOSE ZO DO SO. HOWEVER, I CAN SAY WITH CERTAINTY THAT HE WOULD SHARE MY VIEWS.

3. IT WILL, OF COURSE, BE NECESSARY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC RELATIONS PRECAUTIONS, USING SAME GUIDANCE AS LAST YEAR.

4. EARLY COMMENTS ARE INVITED. UNQUOTE. EMB CONT NO 3253.

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MACCOC7

29 NOV 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOYER
COMMANDER
7TH AIR FORCE
APO 96307

IB (3) LAOS

SUBJECT: Contamination of Interdiction Points (U)

1. (U) Reference: Memorandum, Commander, 7th Air Force, dated 12 November 1966, same subject.

2. (S) The validity of your comments with regard to the utilization of aircraft in a high risk environment is recognized.

3. (S) It is important to sustain interdiction of road segments in Laos during the dry season, particularly if it is determined that the NVA is making extensive use of these LOC. Enhancement of the interdiction program by chemical or any other feasible means is essential to insure attainment of desired objectives.

4. (S) Request that you keep this project under active consideration and that planning be accomplished for use of chemical interdiction in the event situations do develop where employment of CS agents would be of value.

Signed
W. C. WESTMORELAND
General, United States Army
Commanding

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CMDR 7AF RUMSBJ

INFO: CINCPAC RUHLHQ
AMEMB VIENTIANE RUMBSL
DEP CMDR 7/13 AF UDORN RUMBDF

IB(3) Laos

SECRET LIMDIS 51307 From MACCOC2

Subj: Thai Pilots (U)

Ref: A. USAIRA, Vientiane 01756 DTG 180115Z (S)(NOTAL)

B. AMEMB., Bangkok 6579 DTG 210343Z (S) (NOTAL)

C. 7AF TACT 05961 DTG 240150Z (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) Ref A recommended stationing of Thai pilots as observers at Pleiku to participate in AIE operations in Laos. Purpose is to facilitate comm with road watch teams.

2. (S) Ref B stated that there are no objections to use of Thai pilots per ref A. However, Bangkok wishes to conduct arrangements for desired deployment.

3. (S) Ref C requested COMUSMACV obtain clearances to

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station two (2) Thai officers with 1st ACS at Pleiku.

4. (C) In view of ref B, this hq will defer action on ref C pending COMPLETION OF ARRANGEMENTS BY Amemb., Bangkok. GP3

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SECRET 40744 From: MACJ211

Subj: Consolidation of UE/YT Sorties (U)

Ref: CINCPAC Msg DTG 020135Z Sep 66 (S)

1. (S) Concur that UE/YT operations should be consolidated.

2. (S) The following operational and procedural changes are recommended:

a. Provisional approval authority now held by COMUSMACV over operations in South Laos (Area Adam) should be extended to include operations in Route Package One except as modified by paragraph b below. COMUSMACV would grant provisional approval of requests originated by MACV, 7AF, and AMEMB, Vientiane. CINCPAC would retain

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disapproval authority through review of OPREP-1 intent reports. A less desirable alternative would be to extend authority now held by COMUSMACV to add only those recce segments that penetrate Route Package One from South Laos. The extended authority is required to obviate the need for two separate approvals or two separate missions to cover a single route segment.

b. For route segments that penetrate North Laos or Route Package Two from South Laos or Route Package One, CINCPAC should be final approval authority and should select the action agency.

c. Security classifications of planning should be the same for all programs within MACV area of responsibility.

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Subj: Steel Tiger (SL) Rules of Engagement (U)

Ref: A. AIRA/EMB Vientiane 01395 DTG 130710Z Sep (S)

B. AIRA Vientiane 01449 DTG 231021Z Sep (S)

C. AIRA/EMB Vientiane 01478 DTG 301015Z Sep (S)

1. (S) Ref A gave auth to strike large military type boats and barges under certain conditions within SL armed recce area. Ref B placed Ref A in abeyance. Ref C auth strikes on military boats and barges under positive FAC control on specified portions of Se Bang Heing and Se Pone Rivers.

2. (U) Request status of suspension of Ref A.

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I B(3) LAos

S E C R E T L I M D I S 46514 From MACCOC2

Subj: Coup Attempt in Laos (S)

Ref: 7AF VG 27470 DTG 210446Z (S)(NOTAL)

(S) In view uncertainties of situation and to permit 7AF elements to be briefed thereon, all air strike activity in Laos for remainder of 21 October cancelled. Strikes, including Quang Tri 155, will be resumed on 22 October unless you advise otherwise. Gp-3.

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SECRET 46501 From: MACCOC3

Subj: JOREP/OPREP 3/PINNACLE/018 (U)

A. (U) CINCPACINST 00544O.1E

A1. (C) Possible Coup in Laos

A2. (U) 21 Oct 66

H. (S) At 210830H Oct, Laotian Air Force T-28's from Savanakhet launched bombing and strafing attacks against Laos GHQ in Vientiane in what appears to be a last ditch effort by AF General Ma to salvage his own position and force a change in the General Staff. At about 210900H information was received by AMEMB, Vientiane that General Ma, assisted by Col Nouphet, had placed Gen Ouan and Gen

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Boumpane under arrest in Savannakhet. T-28's continue to fly over the city of Vientiane and machine gun fire can be heard near the Embassy. Bombs have fallen near the ACC at Wattay Air Base. Gen Ma has sent a message to AMEMB, Vietiane asking for support in overthrow of General Staff.

Seventh Air Force and SOG have suspended operations in Laos until 212400H. GP-4

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IV B(3) LAOS

SECRET 4183 From MACJ23

SUBJ: SKY SPOT Opns in Laos (C)

REF: A. CINCPAC 230008Z Aug 66

B. COMUSMACV 231226Z Aug 66

1. (S) Ref A requested evaluation of SKY SPOT. The following evaluation was provided by 7th AF, quote:

a. "There is insufficient photography and/or other BDA data available to conclusively evaluate SKY SPOT operations in Laos. Although BDA photography has been requested for all Laotian SKY SPOT strikes only 20 have been covered due to weather. Conclusive BDA from these photographs is not possible

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either because of cloud cover or targets having been attacked previously or during the same day by other acft. Therefore, specific SKY SPOT mission craters are unidentifiable. Of the 20 strikes with photography, 12 indicate the SKY SPOT bombs impacted outside the target area, four show ordnance impacts in the target area, and four photographs had excessive cloud coverage to evaluate.

b. BDA photography is available for only two missions on RLAF target 79. In one photo, the target was cloud covered and the second showed many craters in the vicinity of the road but no road cuts. OPREP-4's for this target where visual reconnaissance was performed, consistently indicate misses varying from 1300 to 300 feet.

c. Electronic (RBS) and limited visual scoring reported in weekly SKY SPOT summary reports reflect overall CEA of 300-350 feet accuracies for OL-23. This accuracy is comparable with results of other SEA MSQ-77 units."

3. (S) This headquarters has received no additional information on which to further evaluate the effectiveness of SKY SPOT strikes in Laos to date.

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FILE: I B(3) LAOS (TH)

SECRET 24961 From MACPD

Subj: Leaflet Operations Against NVA Infiltrators (U)

Ref: COMUSMACV MSG 22136 DTG 281153Z Jun 66 (S)

1. (S) Reference specifies leaflet drop requirements in Laos for July 1966.

2. (S) If leaflet dissemination continues at present rate, there is serious doubt that drop requirements will be met. Request necessary action be taken to increase leaflet delivery to meet July requirements as well as future requirements to disseminate approximately 15 million leaflets per month in increments

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of 5 million per 10 day period.

3. (S) Aircraft resources other than those of the 5th Air Commando Squadron should be used to accomplish the mission, inasmuch as the 5th ACS aircraft are urgently needed for support of in-country psychological operations.

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S E C R E T LIMDIS JOINT AIRA/EMB 31526 OCT 66. SUBJECT: RIVER TRAFFIC IN STEEL TIGER AREA.

REF A: 7AF 74898 SEP 66

REF B: AIRA/EMB 71395 SEP 66

REF C: AIRA/EMB 71449 SEP 66

REF D: MACCOC7 43475 SEP 66 → COC

REF E: AIRA/EMB 71478 SEP 66

REF F: MACCOC7 75121 OCT 66

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1. REF C: SUSPENSION WILL REPEAT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD EXCEPT FOR AREAS RELEASED IN REF: E.

2. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH FOR INTELLIGENCE INDICATING OTHER RIVERS IN STEEL TIGER AREA ARE CARRYING MILITARY TYPE BOAT TRAFFIC, FOR POSSIBLE RELEASE.

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V B(3) LAOS

REF A. 7AF 0489 SEP 66
REF B. AIRA/EMB 01395 SEP 66
REF C. AIRA/EMB 01449 SEP 66
REF D. MACCOC2 43475 SEP 66

1. STRIKES AGAINST MILITARY REPEAT MILITARY BOATS AND BARGES OPERATION ON SE BANG HEING RIVER OR BEACHED ON SHORES ALONG THIS RIVER FROM XD 6568 TO XD 3046 AND ALONG SE-PONE RIVER FROM XD 4041 TO XD 5238 (INTERSECTION RTE 92 AND 9) ARE AUTHORIZED FOR STRIKE UNDER POSITIVE FAC CONTROL.

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2. ME NWHILE WE ARE CONTINUING TO STUDY TRAFFIC ON OTHER RIVERS IN STEEL TIGER AND WILL CORRELATE ALL NOMINATIONS WITH INFORMATION WE HAVE. GP-3.

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Subj: Arc Light Request (U)

Ref: A. COMUSMACV 30971 DTG 031038Z Sep (S)

B. COMUSMACV 30953 DTG 030829Z Sep (S)

C. COMUSMACV 30952 DTG 030828Z Sep (S)

D. AMEMB, VIENTIANE 1329 DTG 050718Z Sep (S)

E. CINCPAC 080010Z Sep (S)

F. CINCPAC 210109Z Sep (S)

1. (S) Ref A requested approval of Arc Light strikes in Laos.

2. (U) Ref B and C provided intelligence justification for these targets.

3. (S) Ref D did not concur with (three) targets; Big Gong One, Blue Boy One and Two.

4. (U) Ref E requested additional justification for these targets and Ref F requested a reply to Ref E.

5. (S) Ref C stated Big Gong One encompasses the village

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of Muang Nong and Ref D contains Vientiane's nonconcurrence.

6. (S) The following comments are in reply to Ref E.

a. Big Gong One: Intelligence justification message (Ref C) remains as stated. In addition a special report (SOG) states that interrogation of prisoners captured in early August reveals that they camped just north of Muong Nong for four months. They said they had seen very few Laotians during the entire period they were in Laos (Mid March through early August 1966). FAC's have observed military activity in Muong Nong and have directed tactical strikes against specific installations in the target area, but it cannot be stated that there are no non-combatants in Muong Nong.

b. Blue Boy One and Two: When the Road Watch and Special Teams mentioned in the message from Amemb, Vientiane are withdrawn from the target areas, request that those targets be approved for strike.

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1. WE WISH EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR EXCELLENT RESULTS ACHIEVED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY A-1-E AND A-26 AIRCRAFT AGAINST TRUCK CONVOY IN VICINITY MUONG HAM (UH 9747).

2. THIS WAS OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE GROUND-TO-AIR COORDINATION OF INTELLIGENCE, FAC, AND DIVERSIONARY EFFORT BY UDORN. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE AS MANY AS 15 TRUCKS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

3. IF YOU CAN KEEP POURING IT ON THIS WAY, WE CAN BREAK UP ENEMY EFFORTS BEFORE THEY ARE READY FOR THEIR BIG DRY SEASON PUSH.

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FOR GENERAL MOMYER FROM AMABASSADOR SULLIVAN

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1. SINCE DSPATCH REFTEL, USAFNAIRCRAFT, WORKING EXCLUSIVELY ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OUR GROUND TEAMS, HAVE DESTROYED AN ADDITIONAL 24 TRUCKS IN ROUTE 6, ROUTE 65 AREA. MOST OF THESE RECENT KILLS HAVE BEEN BY A-26 AIRCRAFT WORKING AT NIGH. THIS IS TOTAL OF 38 TRUCKS DESTROYED IN PERIOD 2 AT NOVEMBER.

2. THESE RESULS ARE EXTREMELY GRATIFYING. THEY WILL DO MUCH TO UPSET ENEMY'S TIMETABEL, AND, IF PURSUED WITH CONTINUING EFFICIENCY, MAY PRESERVE FRIENDLY CONTROL OF CRITICAL TERRIOTRY TAKEN DURING

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RECENT RAINY SEASON.NHHIS TERRITORY DIRECTLY AFFECTS CONTROL OF SITE 36 AND TACAN FACILITY AT SITE 85.

3. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE ACTIONS DEMONSTRATES THE VALUE OF OUR NEWLY ARRIVED GROUND TO AIR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND THA FLEXIBLE RESPOMSE INHERENT IN THE UDORN-NAKHON PHANOM NEMMAND ARRANGEMENTS.

4. WE FIRMLY BELIEVS THIS SAME EFFECTIVENESU CAN BE INTRODUCED INTO TIGER HOUND OPERATIONS AND ARE CURRENTLY EQUIPPING OUR ROADWATCH TEAMS IN THE PANHANDLE WITH THIS SAME COMPATIBLE GROUND TO ACR RADIO. BE WILL COGRDINATE FURTHER WITH YOU TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY IN THAT AREA.

5. PLEASE PASSIWELL DONE TO ALL HANDS. SULLIVANN

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L I M D I S

AUG 03. MID YEAR STATUS - 66

SUBJ: EFFECTIVENESS OF USAF OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN LAOS.

1. BELIEVE ACTION AND INFORMATION ADDRESSEES WILL FIND OF MORE THAN ROUTINE INTEREST FOLLOWING RECAPITULATION OF CONTRIBUTION OF USAF AIR OPERATIONS TO GROUND ACTIONS IN NORTHERN LAOS FROM APRIL 1966 TO PRESENT.

2. ENEMY STRENGTH IN NORTHERN LAOS (PROVINCES OF HOUA KHONG, LUANG PRABANG, XIENG KHOUANG, HOUA PHAN, AND PHONG SALY) HAS INCREASED SPECIAGULARLY OVER PAST YEAR FROM TOTAL OF 39 BATTALIONS AS OF 1 JULY 1965 TO 68 BATTALIONS AS OF 1 JULY 1966.

A. ON 1 JULY 1965 WE ESTIMATE THERE WERE (1) ONE BN NVA; (2) 15 BNS PL WITH NVN ADVISERS; AND (3) 23 BNS PL/NVN (BNS WITH ATTACHED NVN UNITS OF COMPANY SIZE).

B. ON 1 JULY 1966 WE ESTIMATE THERE WERE (1) 13 BNS NVN INFANTRY; (2) 10 BNS NVN ENGINEER TROOPS; (3) 15 BNS PL WITH NVN ADVISERS; AND (4) 25 BNS PL/NVN.

3. THIS LARGE BUILD-UP OF NVN TROOPS BEGAN LATE FALL AND CULMINATED IN LARGEST DRV OFFENSIVE YET SEEN IN NORTHERN LAOS. OFFENSIVE BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1965 AND SUCCEEDED IN TAKING NUMBER OF LONG-EXISTING SITES FROM FRIENDLY FORCES IN HOUA PHAN (SAM NEUA) PROVINCE AS WELL AS SITES RECENTLY GAINED BY PATHET LAO.

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FRIENDLY FORCES DID NOT PANIC, FOUGHT SERIES OF BITTER ACIIONS AGAINST NVN UNITS, AND MOVED TO NEW BASES NORTH AND WEST OF ENEMY FORCES IN ORDER TO BE SO PLACED AS TO PUT CONTINUING PRESSURE ON ENEMY FLANKS. ENEMY INTENTION WAS APPARENTLY TO ESTABLISH A SECURE LOC ALONG ROUTE 6 TO PLAIN OF JARS WITH ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF BEING IN POSITION TO RESUME OFFENSIVE AT START OF NEXT DRY SEASON (OCTOBER 1966).

4. IN APRIL 1966 AN INTEGRATED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED. ADDITIONAL FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS WRE STATIONED IN AREA; A 1-E'S WERE USED AS AIRBORNE FORWARD CONTROL; APPROXIMATELY 32 JET SORTIES WERE SCHEDULED DAILY; AND CLOSE COLLABORATION WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GENERAL VANG PAO'S HQ, 7TH AF AT UDORN, AND CAS INTELLIGENCE TEAMS TO PROVIDE DETAILED AND TIMELY INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY MOVEMENTS AND ON ENEMY LOGISTICS ON ROUTES 6 AND 7.

5. MARRIAGE OF EXCELLENT INTELLIGENCE FURNISHED BY CAS AND SUPERB PERFORMANCE BY 7TH AF UNITS ENABLED OUTNUMBERED FRIENDLY UNITS NOT ONLY TO CONTAIN ENEMY OFFENSIVE BUT TO MOUNT A COUNTER OFFENSVIE WHICH HAS NOW REGAINED 90 PER CENT OF AREA LOST FROM NOVEMBER 1965 TO APRIL 1966. RLAF T-28'S ALSO MADE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EFFORT. ENEMY TROOPS STRENGTH IS STILL GREATER THAN FRIENDLY TROOP STRENGTH BUT HIGH CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON ENEMY UNITS PLUS SEVERE SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES BROUGHT ABOUT BY AIRSTRIKES ON ENEMY LOGISTICAL SYSTEM LOWERED MORALE OF BOTH NVN AND PL UNITS. LOSS OF MORALE AND LACK OF SUPPLIES HAVE ENABLED FRIENDLY ELEMENTS TO GAIN AND HOLD THE INITIATIVE.

6. ENEMY CASUALTIES IN NORTHERN LAOS FROM NOVEMBER 1965 UNTIL JUNE 1966 IN TOTAL OF 952 GROUND CLASHES HAVE BEEN 1,359 KIA AND 783 WIA; FRIENDLY LOSSES THIS PERIOD HAVE BEEN 517 KIA AND 678 WIA. DURING MAY/JUNE ALONE, IN 348 CLASHES ENEMY LOST 556 KIA AND 134 WIA. ALTHOUGH THESE FIGURES REFLECT COMBINED NVN/PL CASUALTIES, THEY WERE PREDOMINANTLY NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULAR TROOPS AND WERE RESULT OF A GRINDING GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN OF AMBUSHES, SMALL UNIT ACTIONS, ETC. IN ADDITION, FROM NOVEMBER 1965 UNTIL JUNE 1966 ENEMY LOST BY CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE (PREDOMINANTLY FROM GROUND OBSERVERS), SOME 4300 KIA AND 700 WIA FROM USAF AND RLAF AIR STRIKES.

7. APART FROM THEIR IN-COUNTRY SIGNIFICANCE, OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN LAOS HAVE THUS MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIED MILITARY EFFORT IN VIETNAM BY ENGAGING A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF DRV FORCES CITED IN PARAGRAPH 2B ABOVE IN COSTLY OPERATIONS OUTSIDE MAIN THEATRE OF OPERATION IN SVN. SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR RENDERING THESE OPERATONS COSTLY TO ENEMY HAS BEEN USAF TACTICAL SUPPORT. RECOMMEND CINCPAC EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMANDS CONCERNED THROUGH APPROPRIATELY CLASSIFIED CHANNELS.

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1. REF A APPROVED PRE-STRIKE OVERFLIGHT OF LAOS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARC LIGHT STRIKE LIGHT SIGHT PROVIDING IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. REF B REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY TO FUTURE OVERFLIGHTS. REF C REQUESTED VIENTIANE ADVISE WHETHER ALL FUTURE OVERFLIGHTS OF LAOS MUST BE CONDUCTED DURING DARKNESS, AND REQUESTED SAC EVALUATE ATERNATE TACTICS TO AVOID

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EXCESSIVE OVERFLIGHT. REFS D AND E REPLY TO REF C.

2. IN VIEW OF REF D, STRIKES IN LAOS OR REQUIRING OVERFLIGHT OF LAOS, SHOULD NORMALLY BE SCHEDULED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. HOWEVER, MILITARY REQUIREMENTS MUST RECEIVE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION AND EACH STRIKE EVALUATED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

3. WHEN POSSIBLE, TARGET BOXES IN THE AREA OF THE DMZ SHOULD BE ORIENTED FOR AN AXIS OF ATTACK BETWEEN 280 AND 360 DEGREES. THIS SHOULD RESULT IN MINIMUM OVERFLIGHT OF LAOS.

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FOR GENERAL BOND FROM AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

1. I APPRECIATE ALL YOU DID YESTERDAY IN PROVIDING RADAR GUARD, INTERCEPTER FORCE, RECOVERY FACILITIES, TEA AND SYMPATHY TO OUR THOROUGHLY CONFUSED LITTLE LAO AIR FORCE. THOUGH YOUR GOOD OFFICES WE AERE ABLE TO PRESERVE INTACT SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS WOTH OF AIRPLANS WHICH WERE ON THE VERGE OF DESTRUCTION LAST EVENING. PLEASE ALSO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO YOUR THAI COLLEAGUES.

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2. WE WILL BE WITHOUT AN EFFECTIVE T-28 FORCE FOR SEVERAL

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DAYS UNTIL WE CAN STRAIGHTEN OUT THIS MESS WITH THE LOCAL GENTRY ON THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS COMES AT MOST CRITICAL MOMENT WHEN ENEMY BUILDUP FOR DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE REACING ITS PEAK.

3. WE WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO CALL UPON USAF RESOURCES FOR MORE THAN EVEN WE HAD ANTICIPATED IN PAST. MY AIR ATTACHE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND I FEEL SURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO GENERAL MOMYER HOW SIGNIFICANT THESE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WILL BE, ESPECIALLY IN BARREL ROLL AREA. GENERAL WESTMORELAND HAS SENT ME A MESSAGE ASSURING HIS SUPPORT. WITH CURRENT WEATHER IN ROLLING THUNDER, WE HOPE OUR NEEDS CAN BE MORE WASILY SATISFIED.

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S E C R E T NOFORN/DOWNGRADED-B-66-S 08999 JULY 66.

THE FOLLOWING MSG FROM AAIRA SVKT LAOS, DTG 300345Z APR 66, IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE:

S E C R E T DUT NOFORN AAIRA A00372 APR 66.

REF YOUR CRICKETT 00401 APR 66. GENERAL MA REQUESTS THAT YOU STRIKE STATIONARY BOATS ALONG RIVER BANKS OF SUSPECT AREA USING FAC CONTROL. HE FURTHER GIVES PERMISSION TO STRKE ANY SUSPECTED TARGETS ON RIVER BANKS OR WITHIN TWO KILOMETERS OF RIVER BANKS THAT SHOW EVIDENCE OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH POSSIBLE BOAT RESUPPLY ACTIVITY. HE DIRECTS

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THAT VILLAGES NOT REPEAT NOT BE ATTACKED. IF FAC PILOTS HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE VILLAGES ARE VALID MILITARY TARGETS HE REQUESTS YOU SEND REPORT OF YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND REASONS FOR YOUR SUSPICIONS ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS FOR HIS EVALUATION. GENERAL MA HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTIVITY WEST OF MAHAXAY THAT MAY BE RELATED TO YOUR SIGHTINGS. HE THINKS YOUR SIGHTINGS AND CONCLUSIONS ARE EXCELLANT. COMMENT BY USAR OFFICER WITH RLA : USAF FAC ACTIVITIES IN OPERATION CRICKETT, RELIABILITY OF FAC PILOTS IN REPORTING, OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF CRICKETT PROGRAM HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY GNERAL MA. IT HAS DECIDEDLY FAVORABLY INFUENCED HIS DECISION TO HAVE HIS OWN OBSERVATION SQUADRON. UNQUOTE.

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OV1B/E2A/A4/A6A COORD (C)

A. CTF 77 131544Z AUG 66

1. RESULTS TWO NIGHT OV1B MISSIONS CONDUCTED SO FAR HIGHLY SATISFACTORY IN LOCATING TRUCKS. A6A DOES NOT REQUIRE OV1B ASSIST PROVIDED AMTI OPERATING SATISFACTORILY, HOWEVER, OV1 TARGET LOCATION DEFINITE BENEFIT TO A4 VISUAL NIGHT RECCE OPS.

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2. REQUEST FOLLOW-ON OPS AS OUTLINED BELOW:

A. CONTINUE PRESENT OPS USING SCHEDULE/PROCEDURES CONTAINED REF A. A6A WILL BE OMITTED.

B. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COORDINATION, EXPAND PROGRAM TO TWO CVA1B MISSIONS; ONE MISSION PRIOR AND ONE AFTER MIDNIGHT.

3. REQUEST CG USARV REPS RETURN FLAGSHIP FOR PERIOD APPROX TWO DAYS TO REVIEW AND REFINE PROCEDURES, VISIT AND BRIEF TWO OTHER CVA'S NOW AT YANKEE STATION. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PICK UP DANANG OR HUE PHU BAI AND RETURN. REQUEST ADVISE DATE/TIME REPS AVAILABLE FOR TRANS.

4. SUBSEQUENT VISITS WILL BE REQUESTED TO BRIEF RELIEVING CVA'S.

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BR/SL/YT BASIC OPERATIONS ORDER (U), CHANGE NR 5

A. CINCPAC 120243Z APR 66

B. JCS 9068/122151Z AUG 66 NOTAL

1. CHANGE PARA 6E REF A TO READ:

QUOTE - ROUTINE PLANNING AND OPERATIONAL MESSAGES PERTAINING TO BR AND SL ACTIVITIES WILL NORMALLY BE SECRET/LIMDIS. HOWEVER, THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE ORIGINATOR BASED ON CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE. MESSAGES PERTAINING TO HIGHLY SENSITIVE OPERATIONS AND FOR EXECUTE DIRECTIVES WILL BE CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET/LIMDIS. ALL PLANNING FOR YT IS SECRET. TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF THESE OPERATIONS. UNQUOTE.

2. REF B IS JCS MESSAGE AUTHORIZING DOWNGRADE OF MESSAGES AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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SUBJ: (C) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN CRICKET WEST AND ADJACENT AREAS.

THE FOLLOWING MSG FROM USAIRA VIE TIANE LAOS, DTG 27 08 20Z IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE

SECRET AIRA 01230 JUL 66. SUBJECT: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN CRICKET WEST AND ADJACENT AREAS. BECAUSE OF THE VARIOUS SEPARATELY APPROVED SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA WE FEEL THAT A RESTATEMENT OF THE RULES ARE REQUIRED:

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1. CRICKET WEST AREA:

A. US ACFT CAN STRIKE UNDER FAC CONTROL WHE THE TGT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY GM-12 OBSERVER ON BOARD FAC OR STRIKE ACFT

B. OR WHEN THE TGT HAS BEEN APPROVED I ADVANCE BY RLAF THRU AIRA SVKT.

C. OR BY RLAF FAC ON THE SCENE.

2. THE AREAS IMMEDI TELY OUTSIDE THE CRICKET WEST AREA-REFERRED TO AS THE CRICKET E ST FRINGE AREA-THIS AREA RESERVED BY RLAF FOR T-28 OPERATIONS; HOWEVER US O-1'S RE AUTHORIZED TO FAC FOR RLAF T-28 WHE THEY HAVE A GM-12 OBSERVER ON BOARD A D HAVE CONTACT WITH GM-12 GROUND FORCES. US ACFT ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STRIKE IN THE FRINGE AREA UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM AIRA SVKT, RLAF AND THE FAR REGIONAL COMDR.

3. A FAR (LAO) SOLDIER O THE GROUND WITH RADIO OR A GM-12 OBSERVER I A US O-1 IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO FAC US STRIKES OUTSIDE THE STEEL TIGER AND CRICKET WEST AREAS UNLESS THE CRITERI I PARA 2 ABOVE HAVE BEE MET

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III MAF SORTIE RATE.

1. LTGEN ROOSE VISITED ME TODAY AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF

III MAF INCREASING NUMBER OF SORTIES IDENTIFIED TO 7AF AIR

FORCE BY 30 PER DAY. FOLLOWING ARE MY VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. FIRST OF ALL HERE IS A RECAP OF WHAT WE HAVE FLOWN SO FAR

THIS CALENDAR YEAR:

TOTAL STRIKE AIRCRAFT SORTIES

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4075	4055	5390
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2296	2623	2386
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1867	1432	3004
STEEL TIGER (FOR 7TH AF)		
(1070	(960)	(1659)
SORTIE RATE		
1.10	1.20	1.43

3. YOU WILL NOTE WE HAVE INCREASED OUR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE 1.2 FIGURE USED IN CALCULATING SORTIE RATES AND FORCE STRUCTURE. WE HIT IT IN FEB AND EXCEEDED IT IN MARCH. YOU WILL ALSO NOTE THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF SORTIES TO SEVENTH AIR FORCE. LAST MONTH WE GAVE THEM OVER HALF OUR EFFORT AND THIS WAS TWICE WHAT WE GAVE THEM IN FEB. A LARGE PART OF THE MARCH INCREASE MENT TO STEEL TIGER. ANOTHER MENT TO INTERDICTION MISSIONS IN R/A. WE FLEW 1146 INTERDICTION FOR SEVENTH AIR FORCE IN MARCH VERSUS 413 IN JANUARY AND 328 IN FEBRUARY.

4. I CAN NOT SUBSTAIN THIS 1.4 RATE FOR TWO VERY BASIC REASONS:

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FIRST, OUR ORDNANCE SUPPLY IS NOT UNLIMITED AND NEVER HAS BEEN AS YOU KNOW; SECOND, THE PIPELINE SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS WILL NOT SUPPORT IT.

3. FROM RECENT EXPERIENCE III MAF HAS A BONAFIDE NEED FOR ROUGHLY 2300 SORTIES. THIS IS DEPENDENT UPON THE TEMPO OF OPERATIONS AND THE NUMBER OF BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER OFFENSIVES WE HAVE AT ANY TIME. PURSUANT TO YOUR GUIDANCE AND POLICY WE HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO. WE PLACE HEAVY RELIANCE ON YOUR TRANSPORT HELOS AND WE GIVE THEM PROTECTION AND SUPPORT WITH OUR JETS. IN DECEMBER WE FIRST ENCOUNTERED .50 AAA FIRE. IT HAS INCREASED SINCE THEN AND YET ESCORT IS MANDATORY OF TROOP LIFTS AND MED EVACS SUCH AS THOSE CONDUCTED IN DOUBLE EAGLE, UTAH AND TEXAS. OUR STATISTICS BEAR OUT THAT THIS PROTECTIVE EFFORT IS WELL WORTH THE PRICE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROVE BUT WE DO KNOW THAT WE GET MORE CHOPPERS HIT IN SMALL FLIGHTS THAN IN LARGE ONES. IT IS THE LARGE ONES SUCH AS TROOP LIFTS THAT WE PROTECT. THE SMALLER ONES SUCH AS ROUTINE MED EVACS AND RESUPPLY ARE NOT YET SUPPORTED EXCEPT IN EXTREME CASES. THEY HAVE TO RELY ON GUN SHIP ESCORTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE MORE JET SORTIES BUT WE JUST CANNOT AFFORD IT.

4. THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL BE CRITICAL FROM AN ORDNANCE VIEWPOINT

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BUT I WILL SEND EVERY EFFORT TO FLY A 1.3 SORTIE RATE. THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT 4700 PER MONTH. MY NEEDS WILL VARY FROM DAY TO DAY BUT OVER A MONTH SHOULD APPROXIMATE 2790 AT CURRENT LEVEL OF OPERATIONS. THE REMAINING SORTIES WILL BE USED AS YOU AND GEN MOORE DIRECT. YOU CAN PRAS US FOR WHATEVER ARE DEEMED THE PRIORITY TARGETS, IN OR OUT OF COUNTRY. WE WILL FLY SOUTH, WEST OR NORTH. RESPECTFULLY, LEW.

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TO: USAIRA, Vientiane

INFO: CINCPAC

CINCPACAF

Cmdr 7th AF

Dep Cmdr 7/13 AF Udorn

Dep Cmdr JUSMAG Thailand

Secret 73927

FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: Use of A-26 Aircraft (U)

Ref: A. Aira/Emb 01136, DTG 110340Z (S)

1. (S) Ref A requests comments on the use of A-26 aircraft to attack targets without a FAC, or to act as a FAC when necessary in the Steel Tiger area.

2. (S) This headquarters concurs with the concept of A-26 pilots acting as FACs for both their own strikes and those of other strike aircraft operating in the Steel Tiger area.

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REFS: A. SECRET/LIMDIS VIENTIANE 4001 JAN 67.

B. SECRET AIRA/EMB 00020 JAN 67.

THIS MESSAGE IN VI PARTS.

PART I. REFERENCE A FROM USAMB VIENTIANE TO STATE INDICATES THAT AIR EFFORT ALLOCATED TO BARREL ROLL CONTRIBUTED TO ALLOW ENEMY TO ACHIEVE A FAVORABLE POSTURE FOR THE RECENT ATTACK ON SITE 36. REFERENCE B FROM USAIRA TO 7AF REQUESTS A HIGHER SORTIE RATE BE FRAGGED INTO THE BARREL ROLL AREA.

PART II. FOLLOWING IS ANALYSIS OF 7AF STRIKE EFFORT IN BARREL ROLL AREA DURING NOV/DEC 66. REQUEST DATA BE PROVIDED CINCPAC/JCS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

PART III. SORTIE RECAP AND ANALYSIS BARREL ROLL.

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TOTAL SORTIES	FRAGGED	EXECUTED	CANCELLED WX	EXECUTED OTHER AREAS
NOV 1538	588	766	184	
DEC 1426	477	624	325	

APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF ALL SORTIES FRAGGED INTO BARREL ROLL AREA WERE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER WHILE ONLY 12 PERCENT WERE EXECUTED ON OTHER THEN BARREL ROLL TARGETS. 38 PERCENT OF ALL SORTIES FRAGGED INTO BARREL ROLL AREA WERE EXECUTED IN AREA. DURING NOVEMBER THERE WERE AN AVERAGE OF 51 TOTAL SORTIES FRAGGED PER DAY WHILE DECEMBER HAD 40 PER DAY. IT I EVIDENT FROM ABOVE DATA THAT OVERRIDING FACTOR IN NOT EXECUTING MORE SORTIES INTO BARREL ROLL AREA WAS NOT DUE TO LACK OF PLANNING, BUT DUE TO WEATHER. HAD ADDITIONAL SORTIES BEEN FRAGGED IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL RESULTS WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. REDUCTION IN TOTAL SORTIES FRAGGED DURING DECEMBER COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER WAS DUE PRIMARILY TO REQUIREMENT TO SHIFT F-104 AIRCRAFT FROM STRIKE TO ESCORT MISSION.

PART IV: ON A CONTINUING BASIS WE WILL FRAG A TOTAL OF 51 SORTIES PER DAY INTO THE BARREL ROLL AREA. THIS WILL

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BE COMPOSED OF 19 PRIMARY PLUS 32 FIRST ALTERNATE SORTIES.

THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS INDICATES A MORE

NORMAL SEASONAL PATTERN IN RPV AND VI AND BARREL ROLL AREA

WHICH SHOULD REDUCE THE 50 PERCENT WEATHER LOSS RATE SUBSTANTIALLY.

THE 32 SORTIES PER DAY DESIRED BY AIRA VIENTIANE SHOULD BE

APPROXIMATED OR EXCEEDED AT THIS FRAG RATE.

PART V 7AF INTELLIGENCE/OPERATIONAL FACILITIES

ARE EVER ALERT TO DEVELOPING SITUATION IN ALL AREAS AND

READILY DIVERT STRIKES TO URGENT OR LUCRATIVE TARGETS.

BARREL ROLL AREA IS RECOGNIZED AS A CRUCIAL AREA AND WILL

CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION WHENEVER ENEMY

SITUATION AND WEATHER SITUATION PERMIT.

PART VI: FOR USAIRA VIENTIANE. THIS ANSWERS YOUR

REFERENCE B.

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

REF: COMUSMACV 16297 DTG 120655Z

1. APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING TEAM AVAILABLE TO BRIEF MEMBERS MY STAFF ON OPERATION MSQ-77 SYSTEM. AM TOLD TEAM MADE EFFECTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION.

2. IN ORDER CONVINCE MY CLIENTS HERE OF ACCURACY AND POTENTIAL THIS SYSTEM FOR LAOS, PROPOSE THAT ONCE NEW STATION IN NAKON PHANOM ESTABLISHED THAT TEST RUNS USING PHOTOGRAPHY INSTED OF

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BOMBS BE EMPLOYED AGINST SERIES OM TARGETS AT BOTH MIDDLE AND EXTREME RANGE OF EQUIPMENT. FOLLOWING KNOWN POINTS MIGHT BE SELECTED: RLAF TARGET NUMBER 583 (FIVE EIGHT THREE), 25 (TWO FIVE

YLN 39 (THREE NINE), AND 22 (TWO TWO).

3. WHEN TEST COMPLETED, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR USE HERE AS DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF SYSTEM'S CAPABILITIES. DO NOT ANTICIPATE LENGTHY DELAY HERE IN REACHING DECISION.

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TO: CSAF

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SECRET 15859 From MACJOO.

Personal for Gen McConnell from Gen Westmoreland.

Subj: Air Interdiction

1. I have just completed my second tour of Tiger Hound operating bases, talking to planners and operators, including a number of FAC's and strike pilots. As a result of these discussions and an analysis of Tiger Hound results since the inception of the program, I have concluded that there are many lessons that should be heeded by this and higher headquarters in planning for the immediate future. These lessons point out the need for a better focus on the objective of further developing the capability to conduct 24 hour operations, regardless of weather and difficulty of terrain, in order

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to interdict lines of communication.

2. Experience to date has shown conclusively the need for greater emphasis in the following areas:

a. Visual Recce.

b. Night Operations.

c. Bad Weather Operations.

d. Weapons Selection.

Each of these is discussed in turn in the following paragraphs.

3. The value of visual reconnaissance in the interdiction effort cannot be overemphasized. The Forward Air Controller, in a slow moving, good observation platform and familiar with a given area through repeated flights over it, is a vital link to success. The experience required in uncovering lucrative targets despite excellent camouflage techniques employed by the enemy cannot be acquired overnight. It would be prudent, in my estimation, to stress the value of visual reconnaissance in our pilot training programs as well as in replacement training courses for ALO's and FAC's. Exposure to all known methods of camouflage and careful study of selected aerial photography would enhance greatly this training.

4. Of equal importance to daylight visual reconnaissance is the capability to locate and destroy targets at night. Thus

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far in Tiger Hound, approximately 25% of damage inflicted has resulted from night operations. It is conceivable that significantly greater results could have been achieved with a more advanced state of the art. In this regard, coordinated use of available sensor-equipped aircraft, flareships and starlight scopes has been effective to a degree. However, it would seem that greater emphasis should be placed on fulfilling the requirement for more and better equipment to enhance night vision.

5. The dependence of air interdiction upon favorable weather is an established fact of life which must be altered if we are to realize complete success. Here again the state of the art is lacking. Radar and MSQ bombing, although effective in area and certain fixed target application, offer little chance for success against fleeting type targets encountered in the Tiger Hound area. Although rainfall throughout is greatly reduced in this area during the rainy season there are 200 miles of all-weather roads will become [illegible]. Improvement in target acquisition equipment and improved weapons delivery accuracy are a must for bad weather interdiction operations.

6. Selection of ordnance has proved to be all important in Tiger Hound. General purpose bombs with both instantaneous and delayed fuzing, napalm, CBU munitions, rockets and

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20mm are all effective when employed against targets suited to their individual characteristics. For instance, in attacks against camouflaged truck parks in dense foliage, the GP bomb with instantaneous fuzing is effective in clearing the foliage and revealing the trucks for strike with napalm, CBU's or 20mm. This points out the need for insuring a proper mix in ordnance loading in order to gain maximum destruction. Despite the effectiveness of current munitions, requirement still exists for additional ordnance in the area denial category. The demonstrated ability of the enemy to repair numerous road cuts and road blocks in minimum time suggests the use of a sizeable labor force which has suffered little in the way of attrition. Although scoring with delayed action bombs has been successful to a degree we need a much improved capability to discourage people from entering a given area.

7. The above is not intended as a complete evaluation of Tiger Hound operations but rather a summary of certain lessons learned thus far which could be helpful to our planners and R&D people. I am heartened by the outstanding results achieved to date, but the fact remains that despite our concentrated efforts, we are still somewhat less than 50% effective in interdicting this LOC. To increase our capability is a

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challenging task, but well worth the attention of every echelon in the USAF.

3. I have asked 7th Air Force to prepare a more comprehensive evaluation and follow-up on this subject.

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GUN LAYING RADAR LAOS/SVN (S)

A. SAC DIEP 11222/142130Z

REF A REPORTS B-52 AIRCRAFT TRACKED BY PROBABLE WHIFF RADAR IN LOCK-ON MODE.

2. A SHOOT DOWN OF B-52 AIRCRAFT BY HOSTILE AAA IN SVN WOULD PROVIDE NVN WITH SIGNIFICANT PROPAGANDA AND MORALE ASSISTANCE. WITH ADVENT OF EXPANDING ARC LIGHT STRIKES INTO AREAS THAT COULD POSSIBLE CONTAIN HOSTILE AAA ATEMPT MUST BE MADE TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THESE WEAPONS.

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3. REQUEST MACV ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE SUBJECT GUN LAYING RADAR WITH INCOUNTRY ELINT RESOURCES. REALIZE ENEMY MY NOT EXPOSE LOCATION BY RADAR EMISSION UNTIL LUCRATIVE, TARGET SUCH AS B-52, IN FIELD OF FIRE. THEREFORE TO MOST EFFECTIVELY USE RESOURCES SUGGEST DAILY SWEEP OF AREA IN QUESTION BY EF-10B DANANG. THIS MAY BE DONE AT END OF EF-10B PRIMARY MISSION. SWEEPS MAY TERMINATE WHEN MACV BELIEVES FURTHER EFFORT UNPRODUCTIVE.

3. REQUEST FUTURE ARC LIGHT STRIKES IN AREAS OF SUSPECT HOSTILE RADARS BE SHADOWED BY ELINT AIRCRAFT FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING THREAT. DIRLAUTH WITH SAC.

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Secret 17971 FROM: MACCOC2

Subj: Steel Tiger (U)

Ref: A. USAIRA Vientiane 00844 DTG 121210Z

B. CINCPAC DTG 240155Z

1. (S) Ref A states that RLAF has authorized night armed recce with AC-47 acft along Sinanouk road (Rte 110) within current armed recce rules. Acft should go no closer than 5NM of Cambodian border. Friendly forces located 5 miles north of road/south and west of Attopeu. RLAF will continue daylight coverage of this road.

2. (U) Ref B concurs.

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TO: Amemb, Vientiane

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Secret 16297

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

Subj: LOC's in the Laos Panhandle

Ref: A. Amemb Vientiane, DTG 0909gOZ May

1. (S) Your sentiments in desiring heavy rain in the panhandle are shared by all. This year, however, I am not as optimistic about the rains denying the enemy complete use of his LOC's. His progress in preparing for the forthcoming monsoon season has been considerable when compared with previous years.

2. (S) A recent DIA study reports that there are now approximately 200 miles of roads in the Panhandle capable of supporting traffic the year around. Road watch teams and aerial photography indicate that the enemy's north-south road networks are the ones being so constructed. Reports of much road

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corduroying, the transporting and probable stockpiling of construction material such as crushed stone and logs, plus the presence of large numbers of personnel available in the Panhandle for road repairs show a determined effort to prepare and keep these LOC's open to the maximum extent. The harassment of the road watch teams is an obvious move to prevent our observing their movements and progress. This type of harassment occurred last year when the road watch teams were driven from Route 23 as a prelude to extensive movements southward. We estimate the year around LOC capacity through the Panhandle to be 269 tons per day. However, the average for May through October drops to 167 tons per day. This is a considerable decrease, but it is still estimated to be over 50 tons in excess of the enemy's minimum daily requirements.

3. (S) On the other hand, the adverse weather will have a serious effect on our aerial observation and visual interdiction programs. In view of this, I am convinced that a continuation of our interdiction program, utilizing the Ground Director Bombing System (MSQ-77) as required to facilitate attacks on specific and predetermined targets such as truck parks and way stations, will be necessity during the next five months. Operational concepts for employment of this system will follow by separate message.

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SECRET 01715 From MACJ342.

Subj: Evaluation of Intrusion Detection Devices (U)

Ref: CINCPAC DTG 120322Z Jan 67 (S) PASEP

1. (S) Reference message states that evaluation requirements for Sandia Devices are in excess of OSD/ARPA to provide and requests restudy of requirements with a view toward scaling test program down to device availability. For planning purposes assume availability of 185 sensors.

2. (C) Message further requests plans for sensor test and operational evaluation, and employment be expedited.

3. (U) Request plans for operational evaluation and employment required by reference message be submitted to this Hq as soon as possible. GP4

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MACJ03

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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SUBJECT: Briefing / O-1 Aircraft

1. (U) A J3 briefing on current and projected USA, USAF and VNAF O-1 aircraft assets was presented to COMUSMACV in the MACV Conference Room at 1145 hours, 2 April 1966.

2. (S) Based on the firm requirement for an additional 14 O-1 aircraft to support the STEEL TIGER program, COMUSMACV gave the following guidance:

a. We must do everything possible immediately to maximize the efforts of fighter bomber strikes in that area; therefore, 14 O-1 aircraft would be provided within a matter of 2-3 days to the STEEL TIGER program.

b. The aircraft, pilots and maintenance personnel were to come from USAF in-country assets.

c. Cdr, 7AF will recommend to COMUSMACV (thru J3) the sources of the assets (breakdown by CTZ) to be applied to the requirement.

d. This loan will be temporary and will terminate upon the deployment of the TASS to Thailand.

e. Army spotters will have to supplement FACs by marking targets for tactical aircraft. Flight leaders will control the strikes. Air Force FACs will immediately brief the Army aviators on the rules of engagement and any information required to successfully accomplish the target spotting mission.

f. Without invoking the single management concept in I, II and III CTZ, the total O-1 assets must be coordinated in order to fulfill the roles of VR FAC, column cover and radio relay.

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g. The current test on single management of O-1 assets in IV CTZ is to be completed NLT 10 April 1966, with final report by 15 April 1966. (Action: 7AF)

FREDERIC ACKERSON
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Dear Admiral Sharp:

Your letter of 7 June (no. 00950) and the attached Scientific Advisory Group Working Paper (no. 13-66) are appreciated. Although a purely quantitative assessment does not provide a total analysis of any operation, the trends revealed by this current study confirm the basic effectiveness of the Barrel Roll/Steel Tiger interdiction programs.

We are in full agreement that a new point of diminishing returns in this area has yet to be reached; however, future studies of this nature for the months of April, May and June undoubtedly will reveal a sharp decrease in sorties flown and targets destroyed or damaged due to the adverse weather conditions of the southwest monsoon. I am sure that you are well aware that a decline in these figures does not degrade necessarily the overall effectiveness of the programs since the enemy is equally affected by impassable roads due to mud, washed-out fords and previously interdicted points where repairs have been impossible. Use of the MSQ-77 Ground Director Bombing System in Laos during night and bad weather periods will further increase the ratio between sorties flown and confirmed BDA, yet the system is proving its value for striking targets daily.

Maximum efforts will be continued in our target value assessments and control of appropriate related sorties to insure that the returns attained warrant the expenditures involved.

Sincerely,

SKY SPOT

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8 JUN 1966

SUBJECT: Preliminary Report on Operation HOT TIP, with Implications for PINK ROSE Planning (U)

TO: Commander in Chief Pacific
ATTN: Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations
FPO San Francisco 96601

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1. (U) References:

a. CINCPAC Letter 5604, Serial 00966, Subject: as above, 9 June 1966.

b. COMUSMACV Message 20879, Subject: PINK ROSE (U), DTG 181321Z June 1966.

2. (U) Detailed comments on CINCPAC Scientific Advisory Group Working Paper No. 12-66 are attached (Inclosure 1).

3. (S) General Comments:

a. Experience in Vietnam indicates that defoliation removes about 80% of the obstruction to visibility from the air. The additional effort required to remove a portion of the remaining 20% obstruction by burning must serve a special objective. The presence of a tunnel complex or other concealed installations are examples. In those cases in which there is adequate forest fuel and in which those special objectives (or similar ones) exist, expenditure of resources for burning appears justified.

b. The results achieved in the burning of Chu Pong are not believed to have proved the concept of jungle burning (see OSD/ARPA Research and Development Field Unit, Vietnam, summary report at Inclosure 2). Consequently, in reference 1b, we have proposed the burning of three 40 square kilometer plots during FY67 as tests to perfect techniques which will produce complete or major fraction burn-off.

c. Defoliation in Laos has the objective of uncovering routes

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of infiltration for aerial observation and interdiction. This objective is being satisfied by defoliation; ignition and burn-off of the narrow winding areas along the trails and roads is not considered necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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JOHN C. F. TILLSON III
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MEMO FOR RECORD 23 June 1966

(S) By reference 1a, DCS, Plans and Operations, CINCPAC, forwarded CINCPAC Scientific Research Advisory Group Working Paper No. 12-66, same subject as above, with a request for MACV comments by 1 July 1966. Comments are based on ARPA's report on HOT TIP, the test burn of Chu Pong, and on the MACV jungle burn plan for FY67, reference 1b.

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MACJ211

SUBJECT: Army OV-1 Attrition on TIGER HOUND (U)

TO: Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, APO US Forces 96307
Commanding General, 7th US Air Force, APO US Forces 96307

1. (U) Reference, letter, Headquarters, United States Army, Vietnam, subject as above, dated 11 April 1966.

2. (U) Paragraphs 1 through 5 of the referenced letter are noted.

3. (S) With specific reference to the recommendations made in paragraph 6, referenced letter, the following actions will be implemented:

a. OV-1A daylight VR/photo missions by the 20th ASTA Detachment in support of TIGER HOUND will resume immediately.

b. ACofS, J2 will arrange for a daily review of TIGER HOUND requirements for OV-1 support in coordination with 7th Air Force and USARV Aviation Brigade to insure tasking is in consonance with and takes maximum advantage of OV-1 capabilities. In this regard, established agreements permitting direct tasking of 20th ASTA Detachment by TIGER HOUND will not be disturbed.

c. US Army OV-1 aviators will be used as target spotters as an operational necessity when no USAF target spotters are available.

d. This headquarters does not consider it essential for the OV-1A to be armed with other than marking ordnance to perform visual, photographic and target spotting missions.

e. 7th US Air Force and USARV will take the necessary action to fully coordinate communications between the OV-1 and other aircraft in TIGER HOUND operations.

f. MACV, J6 will expedite existing plans for establishing secure communications between 20th ASTA and MACV TASE at Tan Son Nhut.

g. USARV will establish liaison with TIGER HOUND to assist in facilitating the exchange of mission essential tactical information.

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h. ACofS, J2 has revised letter, this headquarters, MACJ211, subject, "Instructions for Employment and Control of OV-1 Aircraft", to clarify command relationships and missions of the OV-1 units.

4. (U) ACofS, J2, this headquarters has primary staff responsibility for monitoring actions taken in implementing this foregoing decisions.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Wm. C. CARMICHAEL
Major, AGC
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